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Winners named in the Miss New Brockton Beauty Contests



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THE 1999 TEEN MISS NEW BROCKTON pageant was held on April 24. The new 1999 Teen Miss New Brockton and alternates are: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Chastity Wood; 2nd Alternate - Tori Stone; 1999 Young Miss New Brockton - Vanessa Stuckey; 1st Alternate - Angel Miller; and 3rd Alternate - Caitlin White.



THE 1999 YOUNG MISS NEW BROCKTON pageant was held on April 24. The new 1999 Young Miss New Brockton and alternates are: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Chastity Wood; 2nd Alternate - Tori Stone; 1999 Young Miss New Brockton - Vanessa Stuckey; 1st Alternate - Angel Miller; and 3rd Alternate - Caitlin White.

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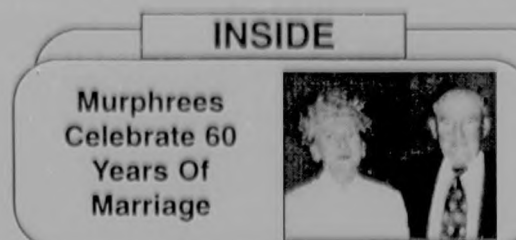
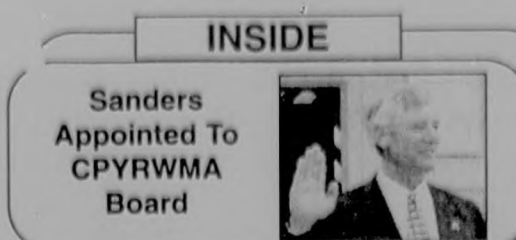
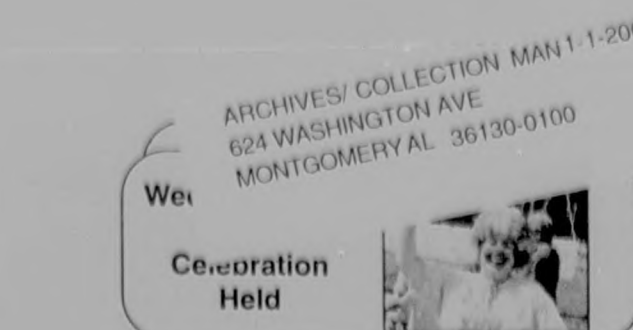
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BOARD APPROVES ALREADY TRIED EMERGENCY PLAN

County BOE Okays building plans

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education's monthly meeting last Thursday focused on the construction of 12 new classrooms. Six of the classrooms will be built on the New Brockton Elementary School campus with the remaining six on the Zion Chapel campus.

Bill Wallace, an architect with the firm of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood Inc. of Montgomery, went over the preliminary plans for the new facilities with board members and gave them an estimated cost of construction of \$903,000 or between \$75,000 and \$76,000 per classroom.

Wallace showed board members drawings which depicted the location of the new structure in relationship to the existing buildings already on campus. At each of the locations, the six classrooms will be housed in one building which will contain its own restroom facilities.

Each of the buildings will be joined to existing structures by a covered canopy. Also, the outside architectural design will be such that the new buildings will blend in with other buildings on the campus as much as practical. It was noted, with the whole-hearted approval of board members, that both buildings will have sloping roofs - not flat ones!

The architect said all the survey work had been completed which included the locating of existing field lines to the septic tanks. He told board members that soil testing

was now in progress to determine the foundation design of each structure.

Wallace stated that all schedules for the building program are being met, and he anticipates sending plans to contractors by mid-July for bidding purposes. He expects the construction of the two buildings (12 classrooms) to be completed within eight months after it begins.

After holding several questions from board members, Wallace left several sets of plans for them to review should they have any further questions and/or recommendations.

Turning to other matters on the meeting agenda, the board heard requests from Rachel Bryan, representing Zion Chapel's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Chapter and Marsha Martin, representing New Brockton's FBLA Chapter.

They both asked for financial assistance from the board in funding ZC's Parliamentary Procedure Team and NB's Paul McMonagle (state winner in Computer Concepts) attendance to the FBLA National Conference in Chicago, IL from June 28 to July 3. They will be in national competition while there.

The board approved \$500 (\$1,000 total) to go toward the expense of the trip. Each of the school's FBLA Chapters will raise the remainder of the funds necessary for the trip.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Rodger Bowden, the board approved the county school system's Emergency Management Plan which was presented to them at the last board

meeting for review.

"We've already had an occasion to use this [Emergency Management Plan]," said Bowden. "We didn't have it approved by you, but we did utilize it when we had our incident at two of our schools last week. We think it was very beneficial in the way things were handled."

Bowden was referring to the bomb threat received at both New Brockton and Zion Chapel high schools on Monday, May 3. Both facilities were evacuated at that time, and procedures set forth in the plan were used as guidelines at that time.

The board approved the plan, and it will be submitted to the state (as required) for approval also.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, the board approved summer school for those students in the county system who have fallen behind in their studies and are considered to be at risk in dropping out of school. This will be offered at no cost to county students; however, others students from other school systems will be allowed to attend the summer classes for a nominal fee providing there is room for them to do so.

Prior to adjourning, the board approved, and/or accepted, several resignations and voluntary transfers. Out-of-state travel was also granted to fourth grade at New Brockton Elementary School. They will be going to the caverns in Marianna, Fla.

Elba police arrests New Brockton woman on 31 counts of second-degree forgery

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

A New Brockton woman has been arrested by Elba police in connection with missing funds from a local business.

Tiffany Lynn Hutchison, 20, of 406 Fitzsimmons Street, New Brockton has been arrested and charged with thirty-one counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, the Elba Police Department has been conducting an investigation that began in April arising from a complaint filed with the department alleging that a large sum of money was missing from the business' account.

The investigation revealed that approximately \$46,900.64 had gone missing from the business account of Nisco Equipment Company located at 261 Plant Avenue in Elba.

During the course of the investi-

gation, Inv. Senn said that it was discovered that several checks had been written on the company's business account, and company funds were received from these checks from SouthTrust Banks in Elba and Enterprise, The Peoples Bank in Elba and New Brockton, and a mobile home company in Dothan.

Inv. Senn stated that twenty-three checks totaling \$14,297.48 were processed at SouthTrust Bank in Elba and eight checks totaling \$4,550.00 were processed by The Peoples Bank in Elba. This made a total of \$18,847.48 which were illegally acquired in the jurisdiction of the Elba Division of Coffee County.

The appropriate authorities have been contacted in connection with the other forged instruments that were processed in New Brockton, Enterprise and Dothan.

At this time, Mrs. Hutchison remains in custody in the Coffee County Jail where she was taken

after her arrest (without incident) on May 13, 1999. Her bond has been set at \$155,000.00 - \$5,000 on each count.

The case is still under investigation.

NOTICE

ELBA RESCUE SQUAD, INC. ANNOUNCES TUESDAY THAT IT WILL SUSPEND ITS OPERATION ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999, AT 7:00 A.M.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, May 24, 1999, evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

AREA GRADUATION EXERCISES. Zion Chapel High School seniors will graduate 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1999, with commencement exercises being held in the football stadium. Kingston High School will hold graduation exercises (Baccalaureate Services) will be held Sunday, May 23, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium; on Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; New Brockton High School's graduation ceremony will be conducted in the football stadium at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 1999. In case of inclement weather, those schools holding commencement exercises in the stadiums will be moved to the auditoriums.

SHELBY TO ADDRESS RESIDENTS. U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby will address residents of Coffee and Dale counties at an AUSA event on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. at the Officer's Club in Fort Rucker. He will be discussing his legislative agenda for the 106th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. The 35th District of American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal ceremony on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at the American Legion Post in Samson, AL. This ceremony is available to all posts within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered U.S. Flags for proper disposal. Anyone posing of should contact their local American Legion Post or call their local Veterans Service Officer. In Coffee County call Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flags by the office located in the County Complex in New Brockton by Friday, May 28, 1999.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY OPENS ELBA OFFICE FULLTIME. District Attorney Mark Fuller has announced that he has opened the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office located in the Elba Courthouse on a full-time basis. Recent years of cuts in the budgets and State debt proration caused several cutbacks in the District Attorney's office that included a reduction of office hours in Elba. Fuller was pleased that he was recently able to change the office hours in Elba to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. "This is something that I had planned to do back in October and November of last year but did not do because I didn't want it to be interpreted as a political ploy to get votes during an election year," Fuller said. He feels this change will make the office more accessible to all the people of Coffee County. Anyone finding themselves in need of assistance from the District Attorney's Office is encouraged to come by or call. The District Attorney's Office is primarily responsible for criminal prosecution; however, a worthless check program, child support enforcement program, and victims services are important programs administered by the District Attorney's Office. Other employees of the DA's Office will be rotating in all three offices - Elba, Troy and Enterprise - while Ms. Heidi Bowers will maintain full-time status in Elba. Pictured above posting new office hours are: Heidi Bowers and District Attorney Mark Fuller.

Fuller appoints new assistant DA

Fuller stated that he is looking forward to Ms. Williams joining the District attorney staff and feels that she will be a true asset.

Ms. Williams graduated Magna Cum Laude in undergraduate school at the U of A and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration.

She is currently engaged in the practice of law with her father, James Weatherford, and plans to continue working in the practice while serving as an Assistant District Attorney in a part-time and senior year.

Ms. Williams is married to Brent Williams, and they reside in Enterprise where they are members of the First Baptist Church.

While attending the University of Alabama, Ms. Williams received many honors and was involved in numerous activities.

"I appreciate the confidence District Attorney Fuller has placed in me, and I look forward to working with his office and the law enforcement community," said Williams.

Judge Head sentences Carter to eight years in prison for stealing

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The sentencing of the woman who plead guilty in February to stealing \$2,876.22 from the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise took place last Thursday.

Circuit Judge Thomas Head pronounced sentence on Frances Carter of Samson following a sentencing hearing that lasted a little more than an hour. After her admission of guilt of the charges of theft of property in the first degree, Judge Head sentenced Carter to eight years in prison in a reversed split sentence. This means the first five years of the sentence are suspended with her being under supervised probation during that time. The final three years of the sentence are to be served in prison with the term beginning May 13, 2004. She will be allowed to petition the court to suspend the three years in prison should she choose to do so.

The judge also ordered her to pay court cost, \$250 to the crime victims' compensation fund, and payment for services rendered to her by her court appointed attorney.

The sentencing of Carter was the same as in the case of Susan McGlothlen. Both cases involved the stealing of public funds by employees in county offices and Judge Head viewed the two cases

as being very similar; therefore, deserving of the same type punishment.

As in the McGlothlen sentence, Carter will be required to perform ten hours of community service per week for a period of one year with that service benefiting the people she stole from - the people of Coffee County and the state of Alabama.

Judge Head cautioned Carter, as he did McGlothlen, that her behavior while on probation must be exemplary if she has any hopes of having her final three year of prison time suspended.

News Brief

Coffee County's Relay for Life raised almost \$227,000.00 last weekend to be used by the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer and finding a cure for this dreaded disease. More than 5,000 persons attended the luminary lighting ceremony held at 10 p.m. Friday night on the track field at Enterprise Junior College. There were 67 campsites surrounding the field for those attending the 24-hour event.

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Adam Brookins receives scholarship

The Non Commissioned Officers (NCO) Wives Club of Fort Rucker recently presented Adam R. Brookins of Elba High School with a Thrift Shop Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Brookins plans to attend Wallace College to pursue a career as a physical therapist in sports medicine. He is the son of SFC Thomas and Judy Mello.



DR. JACK HAWKINS JR., CHANCELLOR of Troy State University recently announced that Jessica Anderson of New Brockton is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award. This is a full academic scholarship that provides full tuition. She has also been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, as well as an All American Scholar. Jessica is the daughter of Phyllis Jackson of New Brockton and Ricky Anderson of Opp. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barnes of Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Anderson of Opp.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A couple of weeks ago the storm system which caused all the damage in Oklahoma moved through this area - or at least the remains of that deadly storm system came our way. There were reports of how much rain Elba received with many people reporting getting up to six inches in their home rain gauges. However the National Weather Service measuring station at the Pea River bridge officially reported about three inches for the day. It is hard to believe that all the water in the Elba streets came from just three inches of rain - even though most of it came down in a few minutes, but that was the official report.

The Alabama Legislature has gotten very quiet, at least compared to the opening days of this 1999 regular legislative session. Many bills have passed one or the other legislative body but not both. Taxpayers can only hope that many of these ill advised tax coffers cutting bills die before getting to the Governor's desk. It reminds us of the old time political sage who says he no longer complains about the promises that politicians fail to keep once they get elected to office. What keeps him awake at night now is being afraid they WILL keep all the promises they make during the campaigns!

The local business economy in Elba continues to expand. Every week it seems some new or expanded business is announced. It is good to see the community prospering, especially in the face of all the disasters which Elba folks have faced in recent years. Hopefully, this is not a balloon that will burst when the national economy takes one of its periodic downward dips.

The expected cry for more state and federal laws in wake of the Colorado killings was right on time. We don't claim to have all the answers, nor do we see the need for anyone to own these powerful automatic weapons. However, we doubt more laws will stop anyone determined to kill. Those two high school kids in Colorado violated a number of existing laws and then killed themselves. Why in the world would anyone think another law on the books would stop folks like them from acting. When a kid painstakingly takes recreational fireworks apart and stockpiles the explosive power inside (as these two reportedly did), it is too late to stop him or her from hurting someone.

A just released University of Alabama at Birmingham statewide poll shows the majority of Alabama residents would vote yes for a state lottery. The 54 percent support is countered by a 35 percent opposition vote. However, when talking about video poker the number changes and a whopping 67 percent oppose the legalization of video poker at the four Alabama dog tracks. The lottery is supported stronger among the 18-35 age group with a 69 percent support factor and favorable comments taper off to a 35 percent rate in voters over age 65. Among those polled who claim to be Democrats, 70 percent favor the lottery and among Republican faithful the support drops to a lowly 33 percent. Looking back at video poker, both parties responded negatively to this issue. Someone needs to put a bug in the ear of that strong political faction which continues to make a lot of noise about legalizing video poker "to save the dog tracks." We still don't understand the pressing need.

We have a written, signed statement this week announcing the shutting down of the Elba Rescue Squad. It is ironic that for many years the problem with those of us who tried to serve on the all-volunteer squad was the heavy work load with so many rescue calls. This time, working with their paid medical folks, the squad is shutting down reportedly because there is not enough work to keep them afloat financially. The Elba hospital continues to contract out their transfers and the police department routinely emergency 911 calls between them and EMS, the local private ambulance service.

From The Mouth Of Babes

A woman invited a group of people to have dinner with her family. Ever the good mother and always training her daughter to do what was right, at the table she turned to the six-year-old child and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl's face lit up, she bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of May 11, 1999, through May 17, 1999. They were: William English, Jacqueline Harbuck, Adam Spicer, Kenneth Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Curbie Bell, Ricky Chandler, Annie Ruth Mack, Deanna Harbuck, Garrett Bowers, Menefee Crenshaw, Kerri Hobbs, Henry Dorsey, Mary Griggs, Ola Mae Stallings, James Senn, Rhonda Yates, Barbara Truitt, Rosa Coon, Lenora Burks, Amanda Henderson, Justin James, Madie Kelley, Frances Chandler, James Marshall, Sherry Soares, and

Emmie Maxwell. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ola Mae Stallings, Madie Kelley, Frances Chandler, Amanda Henderson, Sherry Johnson, Adam Spicer, James Marshall, Bonnie Johnson, Jeremy Manning, William English, Deanna Harbuck, Vessie Ward, Randy Fleming, Annie Ruth Mack, Freida Beckman, Henry Dorsey, Ricky Chandler, James Senn, Barbara Truitt, Rhonda Yates, Garrett Bowers, Rosa Coon, Kenneth Jackson, Lenora Burks, Curbie Bell, Justin James, Kerri Hobbs, and Jacqueline Harbuck.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 10, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one harassment, one prowler, two harassing communications, one cat search, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one criminal mischief, one missing juvenile, one unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and one illegal possession of marijuana.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for assault, thirty-one for possession of a firearm, one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and one for unlawful possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, three for driving while driver's license are revoked, two for no driver's license, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, MAY 10** - Log truck wreck (truck hit a cow) on U. S. Hwy. 84W (5:19 a.m.); River stage - 7.59 feet (6:26 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MAY 11 - River stage - 6.18 feet (5:52 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Carver Drive (1:44 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (2:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - Prowler reported in Brunson's Trailer Court (2:24 a.m.); River stage - 5.85 (6:32 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot at Dollar General (7:19 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to Southland/Wayne Farms (9:28 a.m.); Disturbance reported at the intersection of Adkins and Putnam streets (4:43 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mullins Apartments (5:35 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Adkins Street (10:55 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 13 - River stage - 5.08 (6:27 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a business at the intersection of U. S. Hwy. 84 and AL Hwy. 203 (12:25 p.m.); Wreck reported on the Packing House Road (1:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital.

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• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
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• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thur - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thur - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
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• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 7 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (2:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 134 West near Ballard's Bridge (4:53 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 14 - River stage - 4.63 feet (6:34 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Plant Avenue (3:15 p.m.); Alarm at Hardee's (3:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Heart of Dixie Music Park on AL Hwy. 166 (3:58 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported in Mulberry Heights (9:48 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 15 - Alarm at Big Little Store-East (2:44 a.m.); River stage - 4.24 feet (6:42 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - River stage - 3.82 feet (7:06 a.m.); Alarm at Williams Sign Company (4:11 p.m.); Routine activity.

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SANDERS SWORN IN... Mr. Kenneth M. Sanders, newly appointed Director from Coffee County on the Board of Directors of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority, was sworn in May 11, 1999 at a ceremony held in the office of the Honorable William O. Gamill, the Coffee County Probate Judge.

Mr. Sanders and his wife, Susanne, have five children: Helen Whitlock, Charlie Sanders, Bryan Sanders, Kenny Sanders and Stella Sanders. He serves on the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and on the Wiregrass RC&D Council. The purpose of the Watershed Management Authority is to develop and execute plans and programs related to water resource management for citizens of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers watersheds which encompass all or portions of the ten southeastern Alabama counties.

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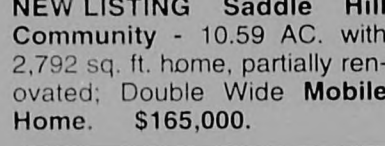
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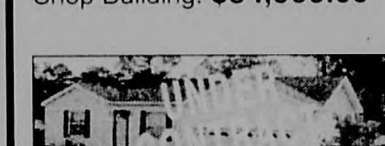
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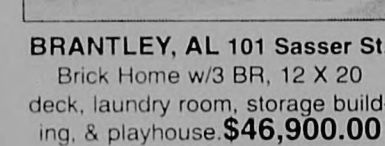
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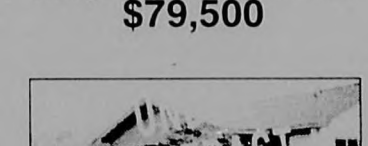
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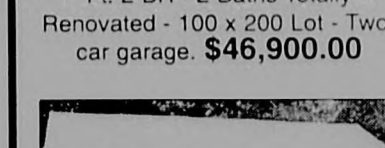
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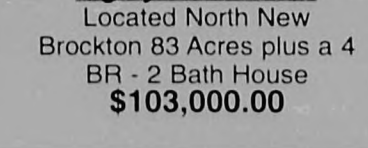
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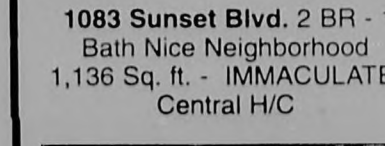
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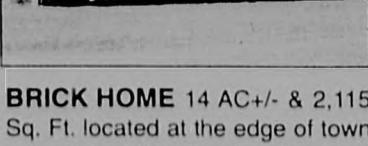
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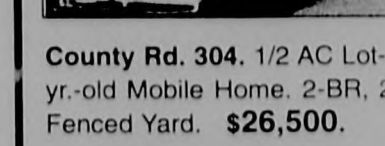
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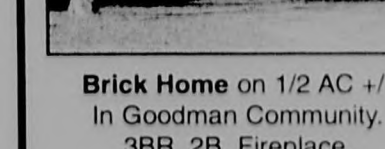
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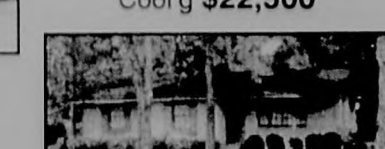
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

During the flood of 1998, many people failed to pay traffic/court fines as ordered. The court was aware of the confusion caused by the closing of the courthouse and sensitive to the economic hardships endured by many people following the flood. It has been more than a year since the disaster and many traffic tickets remain unpaid.

This letter serves as notice that beginning July 1, 1999, warrants of arrest will issue for persons with unpaid fines or costs.

Yours very truly,
Steven E. Blair
District Judge

Dear Mr. Cox:

Please allow me to use your newspaper to thank everyone who had a part in making my visit to Elba High School last Tuesday so very special. It was certainly a day I will always remember. Amazingly, all those people I taught 30 years ago have not aged a day. All I saw Tuesday were the same bright eyes and beautiful smiles I have remembered for three decades. Not a one of them had gray hair, gained a pound or earned a wrinkle. There are those who would accuse me of seeing with my heart and not my eyes. They wouldn't understand.

As I looked at this year's Elba Band Program, it was very easy to see that bright eyes and beautiful smiles can be inherited. What a great group of young people they are! I'm sure they are growing to love their band in the same way that those before them have. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Maddox are teaching the students much more than music and it shows. Long after their playing days are over, they will carry the social tools taught them in band. They truly represent what is right with young people today.

I can not express to Mayor Grimes how much his gift of the "Key to the City" means to me. I will treasure it always. To Superintendent Charles Pearce goes my appreciation for being a friend after 30 years and allowing me to visit his fine schools. Thank you to a new friend, Jeff Ellis, and an old friend, Tom Maddox, for inviting me to be a part of their world for a day. Jeff has really turned the program around. Tom is simply one of the best people I have ever known. And to you, Mr. Cox, for your support and help a long time ago, thank you! I really enjoyed our visit together on Tuesday.

Thank you to each member of the Elba Band. You made me feel very

From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Protecting Veterans From Abuse in VA Hospitals

I thought I had seen everything when it comes to abuse of America's veterans, but a recent hearing held by the House VA subcommittee on Oversight and investigations, which I chair, brought a new startling low of abuses of our veterans.

The most disturbing veterans' abuses I have seen were outlined last week before my subcommittee. As witnesses told of cases of veteran patients in VA hospitals being used in medical research without their informed consent. One patient underwent a 104-minute high-risk cardiac procedure, and against his expressed desire, was kept on the operating table an additional 45 minutes to perform the very experiment he had denied the doctor permission to perform.

During the hearing, I repeatedly asked a number of witnesses from the West Los Angeles and Sepulveda, California VA hospitals, and officials with oversight responsibilities from VA's Washington office, why the experimentation on the patient against his expressed desires should not be considered criminal assault. California law recognizes such procedure as criminal battery punishable by a \$10,000 fine and a year in prison.

Sadly, the only response I received was that, once reported, a review board determined it was not a significant enough violation to warrant more than a 1-day suspension. Unfortunately, the doctor is still practicing at West LA VA Medical Center.

While medical research is an essential part of the VA's mission to provide the best care for our veterans, it is founded on the principle of informed consent. Veterans taking part in such research must be advised of the procedure, its risks, and then must give their permission before any such test is begun.

In response, I have asked the VA Inspector General to go over VA research facilities with a fine toothed comb and report back to

welcome. Your attitude and cooperation were wonderful. The time I spent in front of you brought back a million memories. You played beautifully!

Lastly, here's my ten dollars to go toward the purchase of the much needed new band uniforms. The people of Elba need to make the same investment in your children. Just put ten dollars in an envelope and send it to the high school. Help these fine young people and yourselves at the same time.

Thanks,
Bill Hickman
Elba High School Band Director
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Dear Ferrin:

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County employees better known as "The Lotteries" for the past few weeks would like to thank our community for your efforts in helping us to reach our goal of \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

With your help, we almost doubled our goal. We had many fund raisers in which you supported us so generously.

Our fund raisers were started with an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at Hawkins-Williams Park. Prizes were awarded for finding the Most Eggs which went to Brandy Sinkovitch; the Golden Egg, Daniel Baldwin; and the Cutest Basket, Morgan Matthews. We thank your children for coming and finding all those eggs.

On May 1st, we had a Bake Sale and Trash and Treasure Sale in the parking lot of the Elba High School. That day was completed with the Night Golf Tournament. Nine holes of golf were played in the afternoon, a hamburger supper was served and then nine holes of golf were played in the evening. We thank the Elba Country Club, Men's Golf Association and Ladies Golf Association and all 48 of those night time golfers for helping us to make this a very successful tournament.

On Saturday, May 8, at the 1st Annual Sausage Festival, we had a 1st prize booth with 28 community leaders agreeing to kiss that "pretty" little pot-bellied pig. We appreciate all of you who helped us with this event.

We thank you for buying the chances on the \$100 bill that was given away Friday, May 14, at 5 p.m. Faye Kyle was the lucky winner.

To all of those of you who bought a "Sun" in honor of a loved one with cancer or a "Moon and Stars" in

memory of a loved one or a "Lunary" we thank you so much.

You, our community, helped us to be able to donate over \$6,200 to the American Cancer Society for research. There are many people within our community that have been touched by this dreadful disease and we hope our efforts through this cause will assist in finding a cure.

Thank you,
Henrietta M. Grimes
Stacey Parker
Co-Chairmen

Dear Editor:
The Wiregrass Letter Carriers, Branch 1630 would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Wiregrass communities for their support during our annual National Food Drive May 8th. Branch 1630 represents city letter carriers in Abbeville, Daleville, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Florala, Geneva, Hartford, Headland, Opp, Ozark, Samson and Dothan. Because of your efforts we were able to collect over 61,900 pounds of food for area food lockers.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Russell Byrd and Allen Clanton at COMCAST for providing us with the Public Service Announcement that aired throughout the area. Dothan Mayor Chester Sowell's generosity was paramount in our endeavor.

WTUV and WDBN were instrumental in our success as were all the radio and newspapers who covered our story. A very special thanks to Jessica Clark and Kelly Dugan for their coverage of our event.

Shirley Almond from the Wiregrass United Way Food Bank is an inspirational force which provides our community with an invaluable asset. Thank you Shirley!!

Although this event is hosted by the Letter Carriers, we would not have had the success without all the different crafts within the Postal Service helping. From clerks to rural carriers and managers, every one pitched in and gave their all. The following agencies are cosponsors of this event: United Way, USPS, AFL-CIO and UAW/Saturn. Sincerely,

Chris Rummel, Secretary
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HUGHES FAMILY

We would like to express our thanks for the kind words, flowers, cards, food and other acts of kindness shown during the death of our loved one, Doris Hughes. Cathy Spicer, Wayne Nolen, Carolyn Spann, Karen Morris and families

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SPICER FAMILY

We would like to express our thanks for the prayers, gifts, visits and thoughtfulness shown during Adam's recent hospitalization. A special thank you to Dr. Dyess and the staff at Elba General Hospital. Rickey, Cathy, Amanda and Adam Spicer

National Security declares quarterly dividend of \$.20

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$.20 per share at its meeting on May 13, 1999. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$.80 per share. This cash dividend is payable on May 31, 1999 to shareholders of record May 17, 1999.

With its home office in Elba, Ala., the National Security Group, Inc., is an insurance holding company.

Elba Town Hall meeting set for Tuesday night to discuss long range plans for future of Elba

All citizens of Elba are encouraged to attend a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The meeting is being held by the long range strategic planning committee which was organized by Mayor James Grimes about three months ago. Members of the committee are: Judge Marion Brunson, Mickey Driggers, James Grimes, Jimmy Harrison, Van McCall, Betsey Martin, Ronnie Young, Kaye Whitworth and Dick Chaney. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a plan of growth for the City of Elba for the next 10 years. In order to provide a comprehensive vision, the group is asking for the input of the community. Areas under consideration are: all city services, transportation, recreation, health

Kinston native recently completed Army basic military training

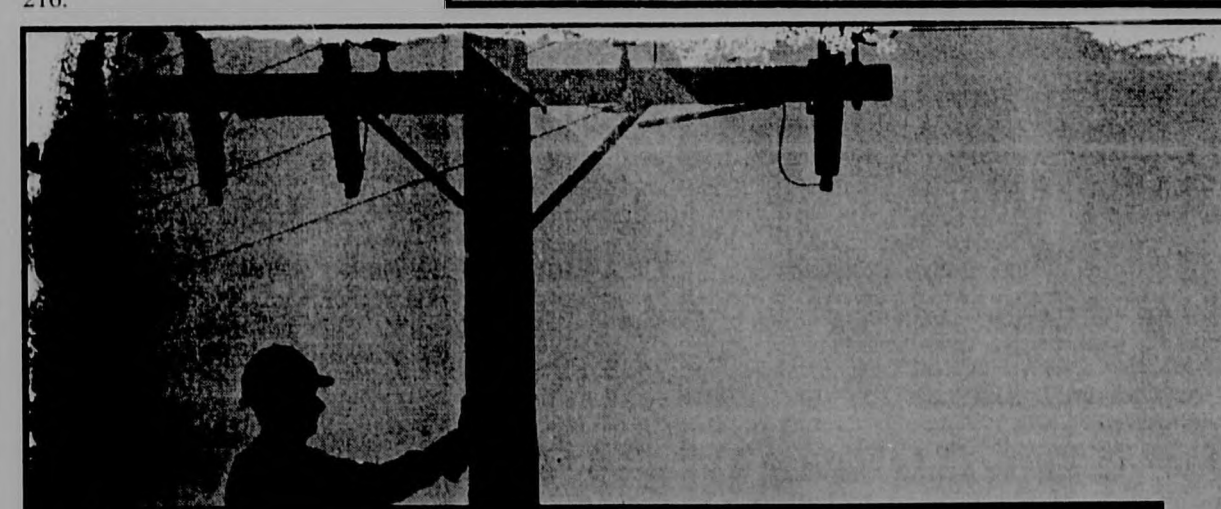
Army Pfc. Joshua L. Keen has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Waynesville, Mo. Keen is the son of Donald J. and Shirley A. Keen of Rural Route 1, Kinston. He is a 1993 graduate of Kinston High School.

ESJC Creative Writing Club to meet on Friday

Enterprise State Junior College's Creative Writing Club will meet Friday, May 21, 5:30 p.m., at SubZone in Enterprise. Residents of Coffee, Geneva, Dale and Pike Counties are invited to attend and/or join the club. For more information contact the club's sponsor, Montez Vickers, at 393-ESJC, ext. 216.

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LIFESTYLES

Paine-Ellis wedding held March 27th



Mr. & Mrs. Randall Luther Paine

Amy Elizabeth Ellis and Randall Luther Paine were united in marriage on Saturday, March 27, 1999, at Island Park in Sarasota, Florida. Notary Jennifer Blanco officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Ellis of Elba and the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruby Austin of Enterprise.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Paine, Sr. of Sarasota and the grandson of Mrs. Elsie Paine of Dunellon, Florida.

Two large banyan trees located on Sarasota Bay provided a backdrop for the all-white outdoor setting. Rows of lawn chairs on each side of the carpeted aisle were marked with posts adorned with ribbons and fern. Two large arrangements of assorted flowers in peach, lavender, pink, and white sat atop two wicker stands on each side of the altar.

The bride was escorted by her father, while Ray Haney played "The Wedding March" on the keyboards.

Long-time friend of the bride, Lynne Early of Venice, Florida, released butterflies as a symbol of "The Wedding March" on the keyboards.

The bride wore a full-length white sheath dress of imported French alençon lace embellished with pearls. It featured a sweetheart neckline and short cap sleeves. The organza fluted edge of the detachable train was trimmed with lace appliques and pearls. The bride chose a pearl bandeau that was complemented with a full-length veil of silk illusion scattered with pearls. The bride carried a garden bouquet of Queen Ann's lace, spray roses, wax flowers, and alstroemeria in colors of soft peach, lavender, pink and white.

Regina Hudson of Birmingham served as maid of honor while Giselle Liverpool of Bradenton was bridesmaid. Their hunter green satin sheath dresses were sleeveless with matching shoulder wraps. Amanda Paine, of Sarasota and niece of the groom, served as junior bridesmaid and also wore a hunter green dress with a full-length veil. Camille Liverpool of Bradenton served as flower girl. Her full-length white satin dress was trimmed with organza appliques and pearls.

Sean Osborne of Sarasota served as best man while Steve Holmes, of Sarasota and nephew of the groom, served as groomsman. Gavin Ellis Jr. of Cullman, Ala., was junior groomsman while Trawick Ellis of Cullman, nephew of the bride, served as ringbearer. All were dressed in black tuxedos.

The parents of the bride hosted a reception at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 3233 in Sarasota immediately following the ceremony.

White-lit ficus trees were used throughout the room. Each table held white candles and live potted, heart-shaped topiaries of creeping figs with a gold angel atop each one. Gold ribbon completed the arrangements which were made by the bride. An arch of eucalyptus, gold lane and ribbon provided the backdrop for the bride's table which held the three-tiered wedding cake. A buffet dinner, music, and dancing completed the evening.

After a honeymoon trip to Lido Key at St. Armands, the couple will make their home in Sarasota.

AFTER-REHEARSAL DINNER

The wedding party and out-of-town guests enjoyed an after-rehearsal dinner at Shooters Waterside Cafe at Holiday Inn in Sarasota, Friday night, March 26.

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MR. AND MRS. L.B. MURPHREE recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family luncheon at the Montgomery Country Club. Assisting in the celebration were the couple's daughters, Susan Davis of Montgomery, Janet Hill and son-in-law, Larry Hill of Birmingham. Jennifer and Debbie Hill of Birmingham, Guy and Caryn Davis of Eufrasia, and Boyd and Julie Davis of Charlotte, N.C., joined in honoring their grandparents. Great-grandchildren, Wesley and Lindsay Davis of Eufrasia also were there for the festivities.

Special guests were Dorothy Palmes of Statesville, N.C.; Marjorie Rainer of Montgomery, Joel and Elinor Murphree of Tallahassee, Fla.; beauty, celebration, and everlasting love.

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Herbert Barr, C.P.A. to be honored with retirement reception

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement reception for Herbert A. Barr, C.P.A. on Thursday, May 20, 1999, from 2-4 p.m. at The Lobby at Rawls Hotel in Enterprise.



TAYLOR NICOLE FELTS celebrated her six-month birthday on May 11, 1999. Taylor is the daughter of Jerry and Janet Felts of Madison and the granddaughter of Harold and Jo Ann Stewart of Jack and Jerry and Barbara Felts of Florence. Taylor was born on November 11, 1998 at Huntsville Hospital.



Ashley Martin

Ashley Martin celebrates fifth birthday

Ashley Martin, daughter of Will and Melanie Martin, celebrated her fifth birthday at her home in Millbrook in April.

The carport and deck were decorated in pink and purple in keeping with the "Barbie" theme. After the young guests played in the backyard, everyone enjoyed the Barbie cake, baked and decorated by Mom and Dad, ice cream, cheese puffs, pretzels and drinks.

Ashley received many nice gifts, including a matching dress for her and Barbie from Mama B.

Guests helping Ashley celebrate were Dad, Mom and Amanda; Mama B and Pa (Barbara and Philip Scarborough); Gummy and Granddad (Olive Ray and Sherry Martin); Terry Miller; Ann, Sarah Beth and Joseph Ritchie; Jessica and Lynne Bozeman; Katelynn and Lisa Hess; Tiffani O'Bannon; Emily and Lauri Perkins and Taylor Phillips.

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ALEXANDER JEREMY DRIGGERS celebrated his second birthday on April 30 at his home. He is the son of Billy and Bridget Driggers of Elba, and the grandson of Ricky and Linda Berry of Elba. The theme of Alex's celebration was the "Tele-tubbies." He enjoyed a tele-tubbie cake, ice cream, chips and hot dogs. Also helping Alex celebrate his birthday was his older brother, Billy, age 3 1/2.

LIFESTYLES

Bell-Dorsey wedding to be held June 19th



Miss Bell & Mr. Dorsey

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Judy B. Belcher of Birmingham, Ala. and Elia and Mrs. Ronnie and Hattie Bell of Gadsden, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda R. Bell, to Kelvin T. Dorsey, son of Mrs. Earnestine Dorsey of Birmingham.

Miss Bell is the granddaughter of the late Nathaniel and Callie Boykin, the late Ben Gordon, and Mrs. Ola Mae Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and Mattie Belcher of Elba. She graduated from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Miss Bell is employed with an electronic data company.

Mr. Dorsey is employed with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in Birmingham.

The wedding is planned for June 19, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. at Sardis Baptist Church in Birmingham.



Diane Jackson

Diane Jackson receives scholarship

Diana Lynn Jackson, a senior at Elba High School, has received a full academic scholarship from Enterprise State Junior College. Diana maintained an "A" average throughout high school. She plans to attend ESJC for two years and then transfer to Auburn University where she will enter veterinary medicine. Diana is the daughter of Junior and Diane Jackson of Elba.

MacArthur Tech.
announces Presidential & Dean's Lists

Thirty-eight students maintained "A" averages during Spring Semester 1999, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College President's List. Local honor students include: Timothy Cauley, Elba; Jane White, Jack; Jacqueline Parrish and Thomas Speigner, Kinston; and Holly Watson, New Brockton.

Sixty-three students maintained a grade point average of 3.5 during the semester and were named to the Dean's List. Local students were: Lisa Cook, Melissa Drewery, Leona Siler and Christopher Tidwell, all of Elba; Jennifer Sewell, Jack; and Jennifer Harrell, Kinston.



Lindsey Anne Kelley

Lindsey Kelley receives Auburn Scholarship

Lindsey Anne Kelley, daughter of Dale and Faye Kelley, has been selected to receive the Auburn University Leadership Recognition Scholarship. Lindsey was nominated by Ms. Joyce Moseley, Ashford High School counselor, and chosen to receive the award based on her outstanding academic and leadership achievements. Lindsey is very active in high school activities including editor of the yearbook, Jr. Civitan Club president, Varsity cheerleader captain, and Beta Club, while maintaining an "A" average. Lindsey plans to attend Auburn University in the fall. Her brother, Brandon, a 1997 Ashford High School graduate, is presently a sophomore at Auburn. Lindsey's grandparents are Joe Frank and Gracie Kilcrease and Christine Nall and Preston Kelley.

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The Twentieth Century Study Club installs new officers

The Twentieth Century Study Club brought the 1998-1999 year to a close with a meeting at the Elba Public Library on Thursday night, April 13. Mrs. Grace Taylor and Mrs. Doris Hildreth Cooper were hostesses.

After the reading of the Club Collect, Mrs. Peggy Stroud presided over a business session. The annual reports given by committee chairmen indicated a year of very successful and worthwhile activities.

Mrs. Penny Glover lead an impressive installation ceremony for the officers of 1999-2000. Seat of officers: President - Mrs. Peggy Stroud; Vice President - Mrs. Judy Eastburn; Secretary - Mrs. Penny Glover; Treasurer - Mrs. Ella Jean Vaughan; Historian - Mrs. Doris Hildreth Cooper; and Parliamentarian - Mrs. Grace Taylor.

Debbie Hill receives award

Debbie Hill has been awarded the Kenneth Otis Physiology Award for outstanding academic achievement in the Physiology Sciences at Auburn University.

Debbie was named to the School of Nursing Dean's List for Winter Quarter and will be inducted in the Golden Key National Honor Society on May 23. She is the daughter of Janet and Larry Hill of Vestavia Hills and the granddaughter of Boyd and Kate Murphree of Elba.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



Connie Moody, a senior at Elba High School, recently received a full tuition scholarship to MacArthur State Technical College where she plans to major in Computer Science.

She has been very active during her high school years by participating in the band, FFA, FHA, and FBLA.

Connie is also a program completer in the business education program. A program completer refers to a student who finished a planned sequence of courses, services, or activities designed to meet a vocational occupational objective.

The courses Connie completed in the BE program are keyboarding, Accounting, Word Processing /Desktop Publishing and Business Computer Applications. Good luck Connie at MacArthur State Technical College.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox

Editor

Daniel Murdock

EHS Business Education Program Certified

On May 3-4, the Business Education Department at Elba High School completed the process of having its BE program certified. Certified programs validate to business and industry that graduates meet their requirements through strong, comprehensive curriculums, and that they possess skills based on national standards. Employers can expect quality work and professionalism from program graduates.

Business/industry certification will allow career/technical education to meet specified education and industry criteria to include the following: alignment of curriculum with industry standards, and certification of teachers to industry standards. Through business/industry certification, programs must meet certain expectations. To achieve these expectations, standards have been set to serve as a basis to measure quality.

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Elba FBLA Participates In State Conference

Bethany Dye and Denise Cooper, officers of the FBLA chapter at Elba High School, attended the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference, April 15-16, in Montgomery, Ala. The students and their adviser, Mrs. Martha Crawford, joined more than 500 other FBLA members to compete in business and career skill events, elect national student officers, and attend business and leadership training.



Denise Cooper & Bethany Dye

Congratulations to Mrs. I. Clark and Mrs. M. Crawford for a job well done. A special thank you goes to Scott Kelley, Jamie Morrow, Cathy Nelson, Myrna Cowen, Charles Pearce, Superintendent; Danny Weeks, Principal; Johnny Dunn, Assistant Principal; Mike Canley, Guidance Counselor; Donald Lawford, Coop Instructor; and business students and staff members at EHS.

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Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA-PBL) is a nonprofit student organization that prepares students for careers in business. Alabama's 16,775 members are part of the 240,000 plus members in 12,000 chartered chapters from the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Europe. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. To learn more, see FBLA-PBL's web site at <http://www.fbla-pbl.org> or call (800) FBLA-WIN.

Building blocks celebrates Week of Young Child

Building Blocks, First Baptist Church, recently celebrated "The Week of the Young Child."

During the week of April 19 through 23, the focus was upon the importance of children and reaching them at an early age. The theme for the celebration was "Early years are learning years - make them count!"

"We had something special planned for each day," said Andrea Hudson, director of Building Blocks.

Monday was Kid's Day with a carnival for the daycare and church children. On Tuesday, Story Day was celebrated with Mrs. Judy Killingsworth and Mrs. Pearl Kent reading stories to the one and two year old groups. They then went to the Elba City Library and read to the three and four year old groups. Wednesday was Parent Appreciation Day with a breakfast treat and ribbon to wear to work. The daycare workers were recognized on Thursday with Daycare Provider Appreciation Day. Pictures and information about each of the workers was posted on the bulletin board for parents to see. A big parade was held on Friday to celebrate Family Day. Children and parents participated in a parade around the church and playground.

In the Sunday morning service, all persons who work with preschool and elementary children through daycare and church were honored.

Mrs. Hudson expressed her gratitude to all those who made mention who helped in making "The Week of the Young Child" a huge success!



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II - ENTRENCHMENT (R)

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Amazing Grace!

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Last night as I was shuffling through some keepsakes from my days in England, I came across a brochure from Olney Parish Church. Olney Parish is the church which John Newton, writer of Amazing Grace, was pastor. I want to share the words of this song with you because in its original form there are some verses that do not appear in our hymn books:

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught me heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be for ever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

CBS for women meets on Tuesday mornings

Community Bible Study (CBS) invites you to attend a non-denominational study for women of all ages and all levels in their Christian maturity. This study meets from 9:15 to 11:15 on Tuesday mornings. In conjunction with the study, a children's program (up to 6th grade) teaches weekly Bible lessons and crafts. A nursery service is available for birth to 2 years. We also offer a nursing mom's group. An evening study is also available (no nursery for evening). Registration is currently underway

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CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
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Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy J. Redd, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FRINDSHIP HOLINESS
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
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HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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HEBROON BAPTIST CHURCH
J. K. Parks, Pastor
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Scripture: John 15:1-17

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Calvin Carpenter, Rev. Henry Ewing, Amanda Tillis, Pearl Tillis, Ella M. Brooks, Jessica Pearson, Catlin Knight, Lela Tyson, The McKenzie family, Edward Jackson.

***Annual Missionary Day of the Rocky Head MB Church will be May 23. Morning church services will be held, everyone will be dismissed for lunch, and the program will begin at 3 p.m.

***Progressive Savings Club Mother's and Father's Day Program at Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Elba will be held May 29 at 2 p.m.

***The Mulberry MB Ministers, Deacons and Laymen Union will convene at the Friendship Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala. on May 30 at 9:45 a.m.

***A gospel singing presented by the Youth Department at Benévolo Grove Baptist Church in Needmore, Ala. will be held Sunday, May 3

SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie studied all about Helen Keller a few weeks ago in Alabama History, and I promised her that one weekend when I wasn't busy we would make the trip to Tusculum to visit her birth place. I didn't really know where Tusculum was until last weekend, when I wasn't busy, and we loaded up and headed to the small town very near the Tennessee state line. I'll admit that it was well worth the long ride, and was very educational for a fourth grader, not to mention her Dad. Alabama still has plenty of other interesting places we have talked about visiting, but you can bet that after a 600-mile round-trip adventure, next time Dad will at least look at a map before he makes any promises!

PASSING ON SOME NOTES OF INTEREST...

*** The Elba Tigers closed out spring football drills last week with their annual "Black and Gold" game, and I will be the first to admit that the Tigers looked better than I expected. The Tigers had thirty-five players dressed out for the spring game, and had some pretty big guys on both sides of the football. It was hard to judge the actual talent of the team, since the players were split up pretty even. However, there was a lot of enthusiasm, and all the players that took part really got after the football. After less than two weeks of practice it was easy to tell that the players were far from being in top condition, and it was also easy to spot the rookies that were thrown into starting positions just for the intra-squad game. If the Elba players will work hard during the off-season in the weight room, as well as on the field to improve on their speed, the Tigers could very well surprise some folks when the season rolls around.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels wrapped up spring football practice last week with a jamboree and really put on a show as the Rebels scored twice in the final 39 of the game to post a wild 20-14 win. Both coaches played a lot of people in the fourth quarter game to see how the players would react in a real contest, and even though there was a winner and a loser, the coaches and fans of both teams have to be pleased with some of the things they saw. If Friday night's action was any indication of what to expect next season, I'd say that both county teams will be much improved.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association put a wrap on its baseball season last week, and while the folks at G.W. Long (1A), Geneva County (2A), UMS-Wright (3A), St. Pauls (4A), Alexandria (5A) and Vestavia Hills (6A) had plenty to shout about, the overall success of the playoffs was once again marred by forfeits due to the inability of coaches to follow the pitching rules put in place for the playoffs. The rules state that a pitcher can pitch 14 innings a week, but must rest at least two calendar days after pitching seven innings in one day. In the playoffs, no pitcher can make two appearances in a row, then make a third without resting two calendar days. It is that change that has caused the confusion, since some coaches apparently think that as long as a pitcher does not pitch seven innings in one game, he can pitch as many games as needed, as long as his total inning count does not go over 14 innings a week. Last year Geneva County was found guilty of violating the rule and missed out on a possible state championship, while this year both Colbert County and Madison Academy won on the field, but not in the room where rules are made and enforced, and were eliminated. As a recreation director I can understand how coaches sometimes don't understand all the rules that are thrown at them; however, since the AHSA has received so much publicity in recent years concerning the inability of coaches to follow one simple pitching rule, maybe it is time for the state to mail out the rule to every baseball coach in the state and have them sign a form and return it after they study the rule. It wouldn't stop all the problems, but it might at least result in the finger of blame being aimed at just one person, and not the AHSA and its officers that have to make such controversial decisions.

*** Before leaving the high school baseball playoffs, I have to mention another incident that occurred in the Class 4A semifinals. Deshler was trailing 5-4 with two outs in the top of the seventh inning in the third and deciding game of the 4A semifinals against Alexandria, with runners on second and third. A Deshler batter returned to the game in his correct spot in the line-up, as allowed by the rules, but failed to report back to the plate umpire. The ump ruled the batter out for his failure to report, thus giving the win to Alexandria. The rule does not state that a returning player will be called out for failing to report; however, and after an appeal to the state, it was decided that the game would pick back up where it was halted, wrongly! Anyway, Deshler made the 160 mile trip back to Alexandria to finish the game, and the batter that failed to report fanned in three pitches to end the game, again!

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Elba trio leads Crenshaw Christian to third place finish at state tournament

The Alabama Independent School Association held its annual "State Softball Tournament" recently at Montgomery's Lagoon Park, and with the help of three starters from Elba, Laverne's Crenshaw Christian Academy placed third in the 10-team event.

The Elba trio competing for the Lady Cougars included outfielder Lindsey Jared and infielders Amber Frederick and Michelle Lewis.

The Lady Cougars opened the tournament with a tough 9-3 win over Warrior Academy. A two-run homer by Lindsey Jared helped give CCA an early 5-0 lead, and the Lady Cougars easily held on to post the win. Jared went 2 for 4 with 3 rbi's in the win.

Crenshaw Christian dropped its next contest to Grove Hill Academy 10-1, but rebounded to oust Southern Academy 9-7, in a thriller.

Amber Frederick got 3 hits in 4 at-bats and collected 2 rbi's to help the



MICHELLE LEWIS

Lady Cougars claim the win, while Lindsey Jared added 2 hits in 4 trips to the plate, and knocked in 2 runs. CCA stayed alive with an easy 13-2 win over South Montgomery



LINDSEY JARED

County Academy. The Lady Cougars belted out 21 hits in 4 trips to the plate, and knocked in 2 runs. CCA stayed alive with an easy 13-2 win over South Montgomery



AMBER FREDERICK

The Lady Cougars' tournament run came to an end with a 15-5 loss to Grove Hill Academy. The loss left Crenshaw Christian with a final record of 20-7.

Slips past Kinston in spring grid battle

Zion Chapel scores late to post 20-14 win

The Zion Chapel Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the final 39 seconds of play Friday night to claim an exciting 20-14 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in a spring high school football jamboree, held at Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play to open the jamboree and kept the ball for nearly half of the opening quarter, only to be forced to punt after a series of penalties against the Rebels and an 11-yard loss on a fumble.

Kinston began its first possession at the Zion Chapel 49-yard line and covered the distance in seven plays to get on the scoreboard!

Bo Driggers bulled for five yards on fourth down and two to keep the drive alive early and give the Bulldogs a first down at the Rebel 36-yard line, but two penalties against the Bulldogs slowed the march and left Kinston facing a third and 16 back at the 42. The Bulldogs had just the right play for the key third down play; however, as the play Bishop Edwards lofted a pass to Alan Head that resulted in a 42-yard touchdown reception. Bo Driggers added the two-point conversion, and with 2:29 left in the first quarter, and Kinston was on top 8-0.

A 14-yard scamper by the Rebels' Josh Mehaffey moved the chains on Zion Chapel's next possession, while a 15-yard dash by the Bulldogs' Bishop Edwards added the two-point conversion, and with 2:29 left in the first quarter, and Kinston was on top 8-0.

Every camper will receive a camp t-shirt and certificate, and the camp

Zion Chapel threatened to get on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter as the Rebels marched 37 yards in nine plays to reach the Kinston 26-yard line. Johnny Brannham gained 19 yards on three carries to park the Rebels during the drive, while Josh Mehaffey added 14 yards on three carries. Zion Chapel moved to a first down at the Kinston 27-yard line, only to be turned away on a key defensive play by the Bulldogs' Alan Head on a fourth down play.

Kinston had a scoring threat of its own late in the half and reached the Zion Chapel 26-yard line behind the running of Bo Driggers and Kyle Waters, only to come away empty-handed when Zion Chapel's Marcus Taylor recovered a Bulldog fumble on the final play of the half.

Kinston put the ball in play to open the second half and quickly moved to the Zion Chapel 24-yard line on a 41-yard scamper by Bulldog quarterback Bishop Edwards. The Bulldogs were knocked back for losses on the next three plays; however, and stopped cold on fourth down on a key tackle by Justin Law.

Zion Chapel took over on downs at its own 18-yard line following the defensive stand and kept the ball for three minutes as the Rebels drove 15 yards in 17 plays to get on the scoreboard!

Josh Mehaffey gained 75 yards on nine carries to spark the Rebels' touchdown march, while the score

came on second down and goal when Marcus Taylor tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to David Eddins. Josh Mehaffey bulled over for the two-point conversion, and with 10:57 left in the final stanza the score was knotted at 8-8.

Josh Mehaffey gained 172 yards on 24 carries to lead the Zion Chapel ground attack, while Marcus Taylor added 44 yards on 9 carries and Johnny Brannham gained 35 yards on 6 carries.

The Zion Chapel defense was paced by Justin Law (6 tackles), Tim Johnson (5 tackles), Billy Wayne Nelson (4 tackles) and Johnny Brannham (4 tackles). Marcus Taylor made 3 tackles and had a fumble recovery.

The Kinston defense was led by Alan Head with 7 tackles, while other top defensive performances were turned in by Bryan Ellis (5 tackles), Will Mack (4 tackles) and Bishop Edwards (4 tackles).

A 42-yard run by Josh Mehaffey ignited the quick scoring march, with Marcus Taylor getting the touchdown on a 24-yard gale. The extra-point try failed, leaving the score knotted at 14-14 with only :39 remaining in the game.

Three incomplete passes and a 20-yard punt gave the Rebels one final chance as they put the ball in play at their own 45-yard line with only :14 left on the clock. A 40-yard gain on a pass from Marcus Taylor to Josh McWaters kept the Rebel hopes alive, and the Zion Chapel sideline erupted on the next play as Taylor scrambled away from the Bulldog

defense and rammed 15 yards into the endzone for a touchdown. The clock still read :01 when Taylor crossed the goal line, but it made no difference as the Rebels had the exciting win 20-14.

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TEAM	1st Downs	2nd Downs	3rd Downs	4th Downs	Total Yards	Passes	Fumbles/Lost	Punts/Ave	Penalty Yds
ZC	15	13	18	24	242	228	2-0	4-26	4-27
K	15	13	18	24	242	228	2-0	4-26	4-27

Kinston High to host youth basketball camp in June

The 1999 Kinston Bulldog "Basketball Camp" will be held on June 7-11 for all boys and girls ages 7-16, at the Kinston High School gym.

There will be two sessions held at the annual camp, with the first session for ages 7-11 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 (noon), and the second session for ages 12-16 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

Every camper will receive a camp t-shirt and certificate, and the camp

will close on Friday with a Hot Shot competition, free throw championship and a free hot dog dinner. Several trophies will be presented at the awards ceremony, also set for Friday.

The cost of the camp is \$45 for pre-registration and \$50 for campers that register the day of the event. For additional information and a registration form call Coach Gary Glass at Kinston High School 565-3111, or at his home 565-3161.

ESJC coach to conduct fast pitch camp June 10-12

The Enterprise Dept. of Leisure Services will sponsor a fast pitch softball clinic June 10-12 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. daily. The clinic is for ages 7-14. Clinic fee will be \$40 per child. Buddy Boyle, coach of Enterprise State Jr. College fast pitch softball team will be the instructor with his staff consisting of ESJC softball players. The camp will teach such skills as hitting, fielding, base running, pitching and catching. Participants will need to bring their gloves, bats, shoes and wear comfortable clothing. All personal equipment will be taped and marked. All participants will receive a tee shirt. Registration will be open through June 7 at the Enterprise Dept. of Leisure Services. For additional information, contact the department at 347-1211, ext. 300.

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Mariners pile up runs in two big wins

The Coach-Pitch Baseball League season continued last week with runs being scored in bushels in almost every game. Following are highlights of last week's action:

*** MARINERS 19 PHILLIES 16

- Scoring 2 runs for the Mariners were Quinton Caldwell, Jacob

Pettie, Jonathan Bryant, Jonathan Maddox, Kydon Tillis, Joshua Maddox, Trey Belcher and Alex Dickson. Forrest Wilkinson scored 3 runs for the Phillies, while Justin Griswold, Brandon Bell, Kyle Roehler and Jeremy Johnson all scored 2 runs.

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BASEBALL

TEE-BALL

Thursday, May 20

H-W Park, Field #3,

6:00 - Braves vs. Rockies

Monday, May 24

H-W Park, Field #3,

6:00 - Cardinals vs. Rockies

Tuesday, May 25

H-W Park, Field #3,

6:00 - Cardinals vs. Rockies

COACH-PITCH

Thursday, May 20

H-W Park, Field #1,

6:00 - Phillies vs. Yankees

Monday, May 24

H-W Park, Field #1,

6:00 - Dodgers vs. Yankees

7:15 - Rays vs. Phillies

Tuesday, May 25

H-W Park, Field #1,

6:00 - Yankees vs. Rays

7:15 - Mariners vs. Dodgers

DIXIE MINOR & DIXIE YOUTH

Thursday, May 20

In Elba,

6:00 - Tigers vs. Blue Jays

7:45 - Angels vs. Indians

In New Brockton,

6:00 - Dodgers vs. Brewers

7:45 - Phillies vs. D'Backs

Friday, May 21

In Elba,

6:00 - Braves vs. Marlins

7:45 - Cubs vs. A's

Monday, May 24

In Elba,

6:00 - Angels vs. Brewers

7:45 - Indians vs. Phillies

In New Brockton,

6:00 - Tigers vs. Blue Jays

7:45 - Cardinals vs. Rays

Tuesday, May 25

In Elba,

6:00 - Braves vs. A's

7:45 - Cubs vs. Marlins

In New Brockton,

6:00 - Angels vs. D'Backs

7:45 - Rays vs. A's

DIXIE BOYS

Thursday, May 20

In Luverne,

6:30 - Mets vs. Astros

8:00 - Elba vs. Yankees

Friday, May 21

In Elba,

6:00 - ZC Yankees vs.

Brantley Giants

8:00 - Reds vs. Braves

Monday, May 24

In Luverne,

6:30 - Astros vs. Braves

8:00 - Yankees vs. Brantley

Giants

In Elba,

6:00 - ZC Yankees vs. Reds

8:00 - Elba vs. Mets

Tuesday, May 25

In Highland Home,

6:30 - Elba vs. D'Backs

SOFTBALL

GIRLS LEAGUE

Thursday, May 20

H-W Park, Field #2,

7:00 - Lady Bugs vs. Clippers

7:00 - Cobras vs. Red Stixx

H-W Park, Field #1,

7:00 - Bombers vs. Lookouts

H-W Park, Field #3,

7:00 - Blaze vs. Bats

Monday, May 24

H-W Park, Field #2,

6:00 - Lady Bugs vs. Red

Stixx

7:00 - Bay Bears vs. Bandits

8:00 - Bombers vs. Blaze

Tuesday, May 25

H-W Park, Field #2,

6:00 - Cobras vs. Clippers

7:00 - Bay Bears vs. Buzz

8:00 - Lookouts vs. Bats

MENS LEAGUE

Thursday, May 20

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ChamberSpotlight

Christian Mission Centers, Inc.

Founded in 1984 by the Reverend John Belcher, at that time, pastor of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, "Johnny", as he is well known to the community, became concerned for the many hurting people that he came into contact with through his work as a minister. One day, while praying for them, God revealed to Johnny His desire for a ministry where these people could get some real help for their physical and spiritual problems. In faith, he purchased a local building which was a gathering place for those using drugs and alcohol. Johnny recruited some other concerned Christians and together, they renovated the building to create a new and positive influence within the community. Before long, the building was rededicated, a Board of Directors was installed, and the Articles of Incorporation were filed. Today, one of twelve locations used to provide the many services offered because of the love and generosity of the people who cared then and still do now.

The Christian Mission Centers, Inc. Recognize the wide variety of hurting people in the Wiregrass area, and have initiated the New Life Program to assist drug users and addicts, alcoholics, and others who need help in reclaiming their lives. We offer a Christian 12 step recovery program. It is a 16-week residential program which incorporates the five aspects of the healing process: Christian training, Life Skills education, group therapy, individual therapy, and work therapy.

Individual and Group Counseling is conducted only with trained counselors. Currently, offering counseling in the following areas:

Marriage and Family, Depression, Grief Support, Weight Control, self-esteem, Stress Management, Employment Counseling, and Self Improvement. Occasionally, workshops and seminars on a special topic are offered to the public on a first come, first served basis. Each of the counselors has a varying degree of knowledge about public assistance programs and other community resources and makes referrals as appropriate. Counseling at the Christian Mission Center is provided at NO COST to the qualifying general public.

Early, in 1998, the Christian



Mission Centers, Inc. entered into an informal agreement with the Enterprise State Junior College to provide needed training and education programs for adults. The program currently consists of four major areas: GED completion, Learn to Read, Family Literacy, and Life Skills. Included in the program is an assessment of learning styles, GED practice tests, and interest surveys. Those who attend the GED classes at the mission sites are provided with emotional and physical support through existing mission programs, as well as the scholarship fee for the GED final exam. Opportunities for further education are available to GED graduates. Since 1984, the Christian Mission Centers, Inc., in

Enterprise has been involved with providing nutritious, home-cooked meals to the hungry. The homebased program includes preparing and delivering meals to those who are homebound twice a week. Pantry foods are provided through the donation of individuals, corporations, and local organizations. Clients who qualify are given a generous supply of food from the large pantry. Individual needs are taken into consideration (i.e. diabetes, high blood pressure, babies, etc.).

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Local governments awarded certificates

The governments of Coffee County, the City of Enterprise, and the City of Elba have been awarded certificates in celebration of the 1999 George Washington Bicentennial.

The awards have been forwarded to the Coffee County George Washington Bicentennial Committee for presentation as agenda items are made available. The certificates state that each agency was selected for "recognition of outstanding effort to commemorate the 'Father of His Country'" and notes the three entities have "joined communities nationwide as an official George Washington Bicentennial Community."

Since the six-member county committee was organized, mayors of Elba and Enterprise have signed proclamations calling for citizen support of the national celebration. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington on Dec. 14, 1799, committee members have presented children's books to libraries in each of the cities.

In addition to the certificates forwarded by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, committee members have three U.S. flags that have flown over Mount Vernon to present.

Band members of Elba High School have received music for a new George Washington march and hope to play the march during a major program in Elba next September.

Members of the Coffee County George Washington Bicentennial

Committee include: Regent Nell Gilmer, Vice Regent Elsie Hilton and Past Regent Charlotte Hobson, all of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and President Richard A. Kemp II, Vice President John Ray Fuller and Secretary/Treasurer John R. Wallace, all of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Other projects sought are installation of George Washington Memorial Gardens and planting trees in commemoration of the President of the United States — first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Those seeking information may contact committee members named above.

Free classes and workshops at ESJC

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m. - Noon, on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m.; on Elba Elementary School on Tuesdays from 3:30-7:30 p.m.; and to ESJC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-Noon. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more.

FREE classes in English for those who do not speak, read, or write the language at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels are offered at Enterprise State Junior College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. These classes are offered through ESJC and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. To find out more, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

A new form of assistance is now available through Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network for students who need help in preparing to re-take portions of the GED exam. FREE classes are held at ESJC on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. The GED Test is given every Tuesday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A FREE Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop held at Enterprise State Junior College teaches volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. The psychology of the adult learner, the use of Laubach reading materials, and other methods for teaching adults will be examined. There is NO CHARGE for this workshop. Also, a FREE English as a Second Language Tutor Training Workshop held at ESJC teaches volunteers how to tutor non-native learners of English.

One of the most popular courses at Enterprise State Junior College's summer Youth College Program, "Mom I Blew Up the Science Lab" returns along with some other popular courses and some new ones such as "Puppet Parade," "Under the Sea," "Bulls and Bears," and "Zap Those Bugs!" Various classes will be held on the main campus from June 14-18 (registration deadline is June 9), and the Ft. Rucker campus from July 12-16, (registration deadline is July 7). There is a \$20 registration fee. Some classes also will have additional supply fees. If a student registers for three classes on ONE campus, the student will receive a free Youth College T-shirt. Classes have limited seating, so interested parents are advised to sign their children up soon. Registration will be accepted at the ESJC Administration Building in Enterprise or the ESJC office at Ft. Rucker Building 4502 on Kingsman Street. No registrations will be taken over the telephone. Parents MUST bring child's social security number in order to register. Fees are due at the time of registration.

In addition to these course offerings, ESJC also offers some courses on weekends and one course, Business Law, as a Telecourse. The Weekend Class Schedule includes Total Quality Management classes — Culture and Empowerment, Stress Stoppers, Introduction to Paralegal Study, Microcomputer Applications, Windows 95, Web Pages, and Infant and Toddler Education Programs.

As with all semester schedules, ESJC offers a variety of courses at the Ft. Rucker campus and during an evening schedule. Interested persons are encouraged to call 393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus or 598-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus for more information about registering for summer semester classes or for admission to the college.



Tabitha Schultz

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Tabitha Schultz of Elba has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Tabitha, who attends Elba High School, was nominated for this award by her teacher, Mrs. King. Tabitha will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally. She is the daughter of Gary and Debra Lebeaux of Elba and Jim Schultz of Lakeland, Fla. Her grandparents are Idaleene Belcher of Wauchula, Fla. and Ray Belcher of Elba, Richard and Lou Stull of Freemont, Ohio and Carol Edwards and the late Jim Edwards of Battletree, Mich.

My intent is not self-pity, although rereading my letter so far smacks of the "poor me." On to the practical. Health insurance has been pretty good in covering my staggering medical bills. The one financial burden I'm going to leave my family will be burial costs. I would prefer to pre-pay my funeral but a bank loan is out of the question for obvious reasons. Cremation and a simple service can be done for about \$2,200, including a headstone. I don't know if asking you is the right thing. I guess I've run out of having answers.

Mr. J. B. ... The Shopper, Tucson, AZ

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Covington Electric Co-Op meeting draws more than 4,000 people

A warm spring day, free prizes and entertainment, as well as an interest in co-op business, brought more than 4,000 people to the 54th annual Covington Electric Cooperative membership meeting on Thursday, April 8, at the Andalusia Kiwanis Fair Building.

The Davis Brothers kicked off the evening's entertainment with a special variety of gospel songs. Following their performance, the Inspirations, also a popular gospel music group, continued entertaining the crowd with traditional gospel songs.

Business highlights included election of two members to the CEC board of trustees, reports on the cooperative's operations in 1998 and information about member services and a community support provided by CEC.

Martin Moates of Enterprise was reelected and George S. Hammer of

From the Desk of:
State Representative Terry Spicer

House Democrats save Children First Funds; Invests in Alabama's Future

More money is coming into Alabama for children and seniors' healthcare programs and for juvenile intervention projects. The House of Representatives passed legislation this week to create the Alabama 21st Century Fund to receive the national tobacco settlement money that is expected to come into Alabama beginning with the fiscal year 1999-2000. Bill sponsor Representative John Hilliard (D-Huntingham) says the majority of the money will be disbursed to the Children First Fund and Medicaid.

"The 21st Century Fund will effectively manage the settlement money for the greatest benefit of Alabama's children and seniors," states Representative Hilliard. "Creating this fund will eliminate temptations to divert the money, and protect it from mispending."

Bill supporters have worked to fight off attempts to divert Children First money away from helping the juvenile justice system. "We have to keep our focus on the best solutions to eliminating juvenile crime," comments Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "That means investing in our future through helping our children stay out of trouble, combating school violence and promoting safety. Intervention is a step towards preventing the tragedies of Littleton, Colorado and Jonesboro, Arkansas. Children First is that investment."

Approximately \$113 million is projected income for the first fiscal year of the 21st Century Fund. From that amount, \$85 million will go to Children First that funds juvenile justice system enhancement by focusing on early intervention and alternative education projects. Between \$20-\$25 million will be allocated to Medicaid for children and seniors' health related needs and programs. The Medicaid money will draw matching funds from the federal government of \$3 for every \$1 Alabama invests. This will equate to more than \$300 million for Medicaid over the life of the settlement.

The remaining money will be used for economic development in Alabama. Several large companies are rumored to be looking at Alabama as a new site. Providing funding for industrial incentive packages increases the chances of the state gaining new businesses and new jobs. The bill moves to the Senate for consideration next week.

Mailbox Improvement Week May 17-22 In New Brockton

The U.S. Postal Service is asking all New Brockton homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 17-22, says Postmaster Sandra Batchelor.

Each year, the Postal Service nationwide designates the third full week of May to encourage customers to examine and, where necessary, improve the condition of their mailboxes. Neat, uncluttered mailboxes make a significant contribution to the appearance of the countryside and to streets in town.

"Repairing our mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our carriers and customers," Batchelor said.

Unclaimed property in Coffee County info can be obtained via internet

Probate Judge Bill Gammill has received a list of unclaimed property from State Treasurer Lucy Buxley for all unclaimed property in Coffee County. A complete list will be available for the citizens of Coffee County to review at both courthouses. Judge Gammill also states that anyone who has internet access can get the same information regarding unclaimed property through the State Treasurers office website which is: www.treasurers.state.al.us.

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Samson was elected to three-year terms on the CEC board of trustees, representing Districts 5 and 6 respectively.

R. R. Johnson, who is the cooperative's chairman, presided over the business session of the meeting. He reminded members of the detailed reports on the cooperative's 1998 business activities that they received when they registered.

Ed Short, general manager of the cooperative, recognized distinguished guests and made special presentations. He presented Mrs. Ouida Childs, Samson, with a resolution of appreciation for her dedicated service as a CEC board member. Mrs. Childs retired effective April 8, after seven years of service with the cooperative. Short thanked Childs for her loyal service to CEC.

"We shall miss her," he said. Short then presented CEC employee Larry Gilmore with a certificate for 20 years of dedicated service to the cooperative.

Highlighting CEC's 1998 business operations, Johnson announced sales of more than 331 million kilowatt hours for the year, with 21,207 meters being served and more than \$750,000 being paid in taxes. He said more than \$3.7 million was invested in system improvement work during 1998, and about 875 miles of power line rights of way were cleared last year.

Jimmy Eiland, Y2K task force coordinator at Alabama Electric Cooperative, explained the meaning of Y2K and possible problems that may arise because of a computer glitch associated with the Year 2000. Eiland assured members that every preparation is being made to ensure electric stability when Jan. 1, 2000 arrives.

Ed Short then reminded members of past efforts in Congress to sell the power marketing administrations (PMAs) to private industry. He expressed appreciation to co-op members for their support in opposing President Clinton's proposal to "privatize" the federal power marketing administrations. He said privatizing the PMAs could mean higher electric bills for millions of consumers nationwide. Co-op members may be asked again to voice their opposition if efforts to sell the PMAs continue.

Short also reported the recent activity concerning territorial issues. "We have discussed territorial issues at this meeting for more than 10 years now. Well, after 14 years of lit-

igation, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that the territorial law is constitutional. Good news/bad news. The good news is that CEC now has assigned territory to provide electric service in. The bad news is, by mandate of the territorial law, CEC will lose some consumers in Elba, Enterprise and New Brockton to other power suppliers. We do not look forward to this. However, we will work to make the transition as smooth as possible."

Short addressed the subject of deregulation stating, "Deregulation does to the electric industry what it did to the telephone industry in this area, I do not look forward to it. Deregulation is all about moving the money from one person's pocket to another person's." He told members that the lowest price is not always the best price. "Our goal is to provide value for the dollars you spend for service from CEC," said Short.

Short also told members that the CRS Water System is presently serving 412 customers in the Libertyville and Carolina communities of Covington County and more than 4,500 customers have subscribed to Internet service.

Members were reminded about the customer response center that allows members to report after hours trouble or emergencies by calling 1-800-239-1193. The customer response center enables CEC to respond in some cases quicker than they could under the old system.

Alma Holland of Rt. 1, Wing, and V.L. McGlaun of Rt. 1, Andalusia,

were recognized as the oldest female and male members present, being 95 and 93 years "young". They received their choice of an electric blanket or fan.

After the business session, a 1992 Dodge Ram 50 truck and 41 other attendance prizes were awarded. Covington Electric members registering at the meeting received a letter opener/ruler, magnetic refrigerator clip, matchbox bucket truck and a light bulb, as well as other useful gifts and information.

An exhibit was set up at the meeting to remind members of the many services and products available from their cooperative, including home security systems, surge suppression equipment and electric fireplaces. Other products displayed included computers, electric water heaters, grills and smokers. The Covington County Shrine Club operated concession stands at the meeting.

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All the citizens of ELBA are encouraged to attend a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the Elba High School auditorium.

Elba mayor James Grimes appointed a **Long Range Strategic Planning Committee** about three months ago. This group consists of Marion Brunson, Mickey Driggers, James Grimes, Jimmy Harrison, Van McCall, Betsy Martin, Ronnie Young, Kaye Whitworth and Dick Chaney. *They were assigned the task of conceiving a plan of growth for the City of Elba for the next ten years.*

In order to provide a comprehensive vision, this group needs the input from the community.

Areas under consideration are:

- All City services
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Health Care
- Education
- Housing
- Retirement living
- Tourism
- Economic Development

Your attendance and contribution to this plan is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

News From Your County Extension...

Sandra T. Coffey
 County Extension Coordinator
Exercise Can Ease Your Arthritis
 Many Coffee Countians suffer from pain caused by one type of arthritis or another. If you are one of these people, you may be able to include exercise in your treatment plan. When performed correctly, exercise can improve your joint flexibility, relieve pain and strengthen bones and muscles.

You should always consult your physician before trying any type of new exercise program including the ones mentioned in this article. To get started, try a few stretches. Begin with the shoulder shrug. This stretch helps chronic arthritis involving the vertebrae of the neck. Slowly and steadily raise your shoulders into a shrug. Hold it for a moment, feeling the effect on your neck muscles. Keeping your head still, gently press your shoulders downward as far down as you comfortably can. Release and repeat. Next, try the wrist flex. Extend your arm and bend your wrist to raise your hand as if signaling "stop." Then bend your wrist the other way so your hand drops forward as far as it can go.

The knee-to-chest exercise is good for the back. Lie on the floor with your legs bent and feet flat on the floor. Pull your right knee to your chest and hold it a few seconds. Straighten your right leg and shake it to relax the muscles. Return to the starting position and repeat with the left leg.

Exercise Can Help Prevent Osteoporosis

Help prevent osteoporosis by exercising regularly. Like muscle, bone is a living tissue that responds to exercise by becoming stronger.

Osteoporosis is a disease that strikes the bones, making them weaker and more susceptible to breaks. Osteoporosis is more prevalent in women.

Young men and women who exercise regularly achieve greater bone density and strength than those who don't. You have until about age 35 to attain the maximum bone strength, and then you begin to lose it. Those over age 35 can slow bone loss with regular exercise.

The best exercise for bones is weight-bearing activities that force the body to work against gravity such as walking, hiking, jogging, stair-climbing, tennis and dancing. Nonweight-bearing exercise such as swimming or riding a bicycle provides excellent cardiovascular benefits, but are less effective at preventing bone loss.

Stan Windham
 County Extension Agent
Which Summer Forage GRASS Is Right For You?

The past few months we have had several calls into the Extension Office concerning planting new hay fields and pastures across the Wiregrass and particularly in Coffee County. The main question on everyone's mind concerns what varieties are working and which varieties have had some problems.

As far as the bermudas are concerned, the old coastal variety is certainly still a very viable choice to use as a hay grass and will also work as a grazing grass. One of the newest varieties on the scene, Tif 85, looks very good. It is one of the fastest spreading varieties that I have seen and is a very good yielder. A question that has been raised among some forage specialists is its cold hardiness, primarily because much like Tifton 78, it spreads very fast and may not establish as good a root system as a variety such as coastal. Generally, varieties of this type have some potential for freeze damage, however, that has certainly not been proven but is something that is in question. It also has large stems which cattle sometimes will not consume. Tifton 78 is much like 85, a fast spreader and has had some good yields. There have been some problems with 78 with freeze damage, but this far south the potential is not as great as it would be in central and northern Alabama counties.

Tifton 44 is another variety that you can consider. The biggest problem we have had with 44 is that it is a very slow spreader and has not yielded as good as some other varieties. It is a very winter hearty variety, establishes a real good root system but has not competed overall quite as well as some of the other bermuda varieties. The Russell variety developed at Auburn, is a good overall variety and yields right up there with Tifton 85.

Bahia grass is still a very strong grass to consider for both hay and pasture. I like bahia for pasture better than the bermudas simply because it is very hard for other species to invade a bahia stand. This is primarily due to the fact that the bahia establishes such a thick mat and in a high fertility and good pressure such as grazing or hay cutting, it is very hard to invade bahia grass.

You can get a few weeds such as broad leaf weeds, or dogfennel. However, if you have good fertility and good pressure such as grazing or hay cutting, it is very hard to invade bahia grass.

The new Tif 9 bahia grass variety looks very good right now. It is a good yielder, establishes well, produces as much as 30% more forage than some of the other bahia varieties. The old Pensacola variety is still a very good variety to use. It is very good in the sand and is drought hardy, and cold hardy, and because Tif 9 was derived from Pensacola it share many of the same attributes as the Pensacola. The Argentine variety is a good variety of bahia. It doesn't appear to be quite as good in sandy situations or in drought or freeze situations as Pensacola but will work very nicely as a forage crop when conditions are favorable.

This is simply an overview of some of the bermuda and bahia varieties that you might consider planting. If you have any further question or concerns as it relates to establishing a hay field or a grazing pasture, All of these varieties have merit. They all have good traits and all of them have some negative traits. Picking the right variety for you involves digesting as much information as you can get on each variety.

Angela Hughes
 County Extension Agent
Develop Family Fire Escape Plan

Every year there are nearly half a million residential fires in this country causing the deaths of thousands of people. The seconds you take trying to figure the way out of your burning home can mean the difference between life and death.

For your family's safety, develop a fire escape plan and practice it. First, draw a floor plan of your home. Include on it significant outside features such as your driveway and any large trees.

Next, locate a primary and a secondary escape route from every room. Draw these routes on your plan.

Establish a designated meeting place outside the house so all family members can be accounted for easily. Choose a site like the mailbox or the end of the drive that wouldn't be too close to a burning structure. Mark this meeting point on your plan.

Now, go through your home and make sure all escape routes are unobstructed. Doors and windows should open easily. Window screens should be easy to remove or force out. Keep hallways uncluttered.

Make sure everyone in the family knows who's responsible for helping younger children and any others who might have trouble with the escape routes. Emphasize that, once out of the home, no one should reenter the building no matter the situation.

Appoint someone to go to a neighbor's home to call the fire department. Memorize the number, if you don't have 911 service.

Review the plan with all family members. Hold practice drills regularly, change the location of the "fire" so the family must practice using secondary escape routes.

Even a well-rehearsed escape plan can't keep a family safe alone. Make sure you have smoke detectors installed correctly throughout your home. Check the batteries monthly and replace twice a year.

Educate your children. Teach them the importance of not playing with matches and lighters. Make sure they understand the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" principle if their clothing should catch fire. They must also understand that they can't hide from a fire and that they must get outside to be safe.

You might want to take your children to visit your local fire department. Firefighters will be happy to show their protective equipment and fire trucks to children as well as discuss fire safety. If you are planning a visit, call ahead to see when is a convenient time.

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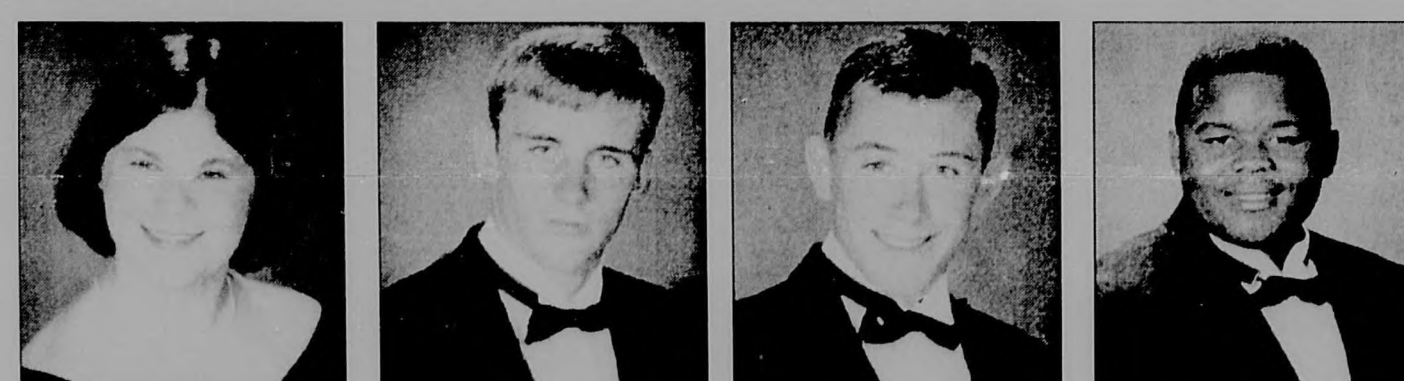
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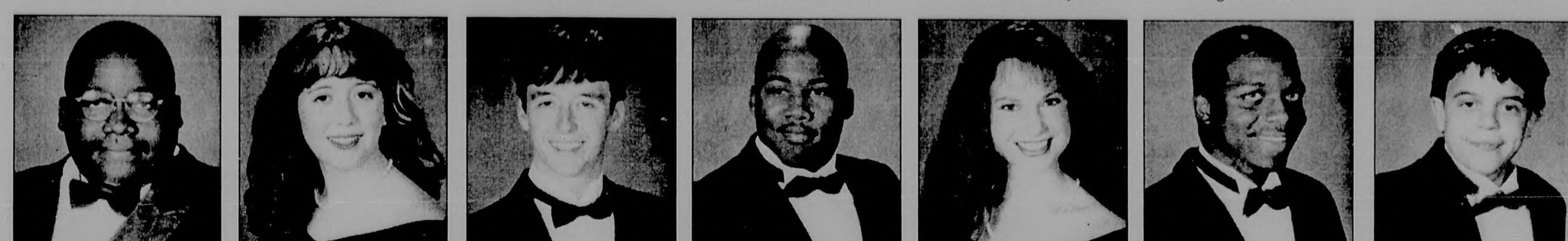
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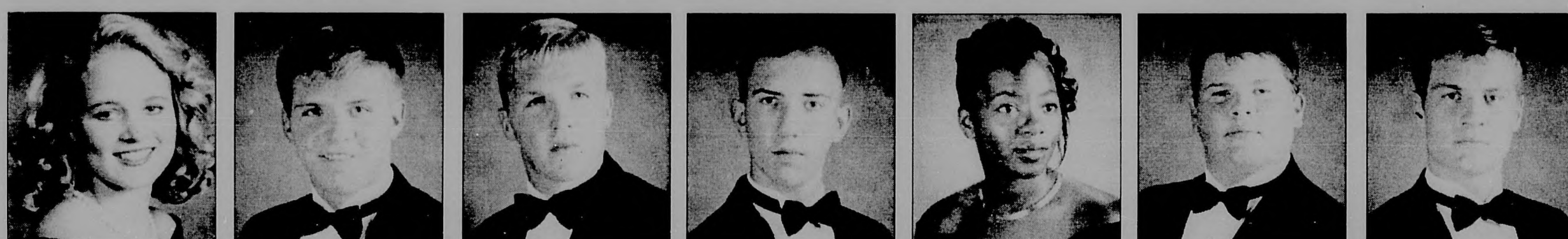
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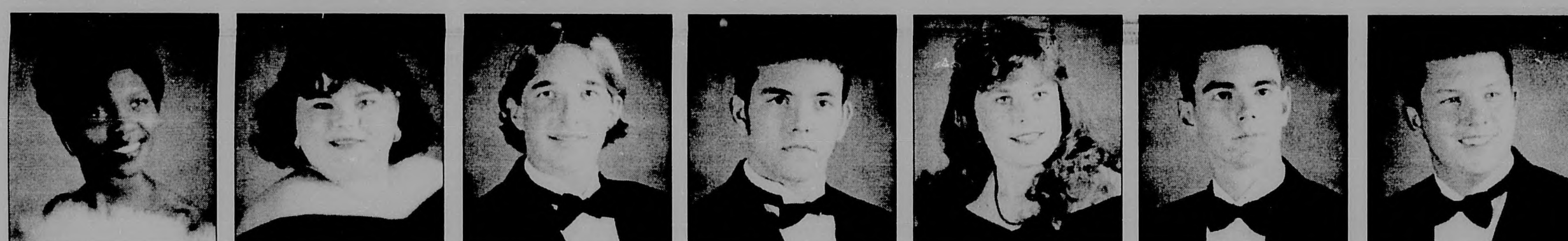
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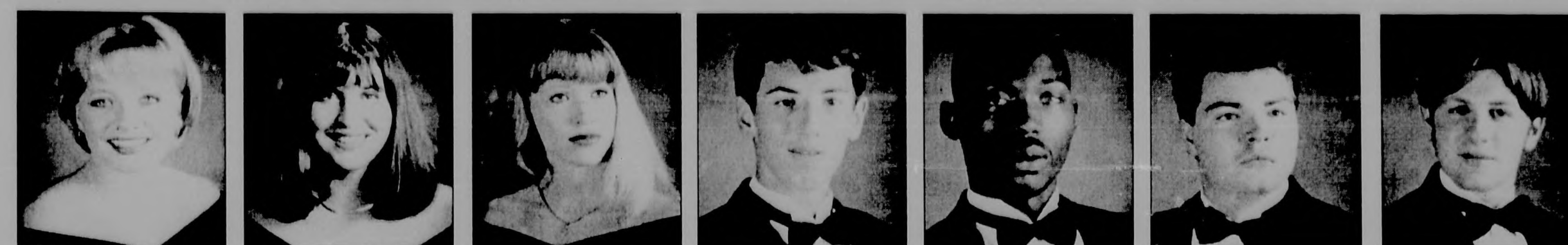
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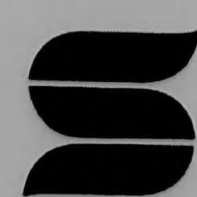
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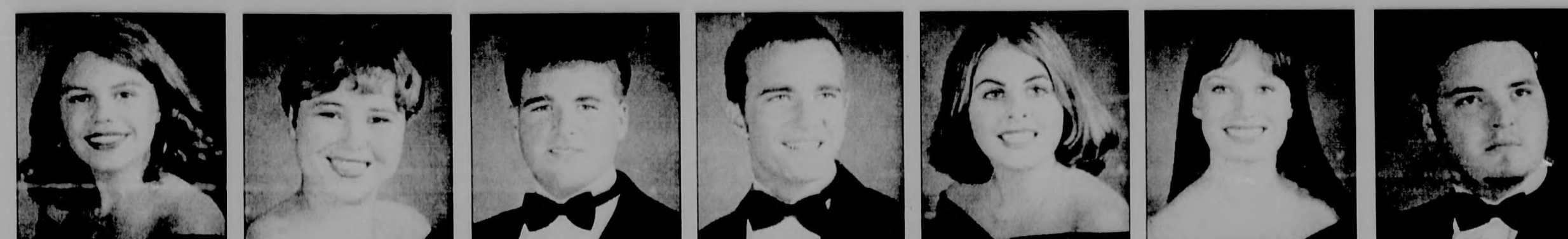
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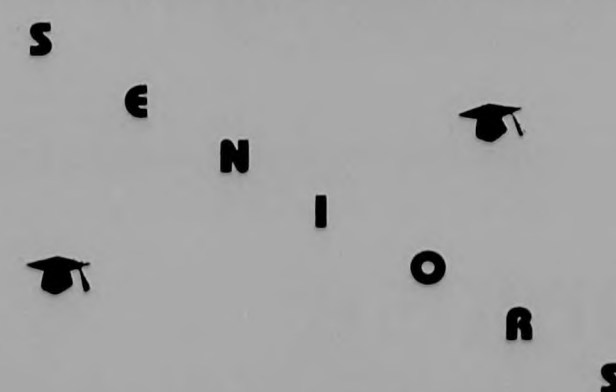
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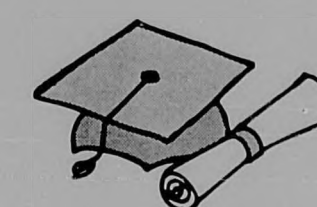


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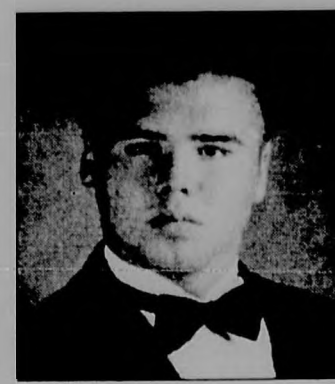
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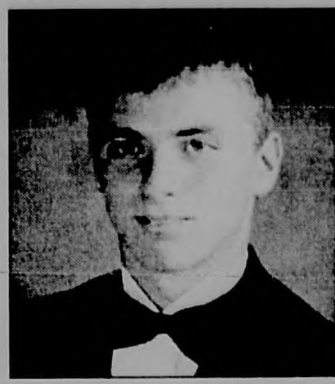
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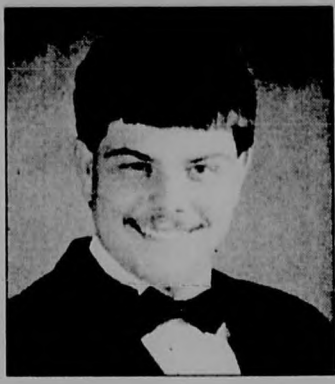
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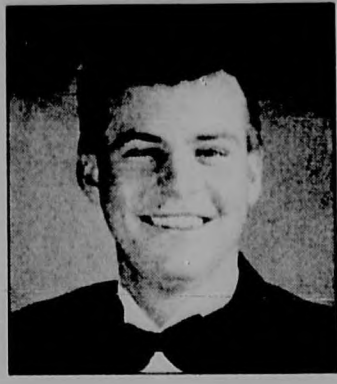
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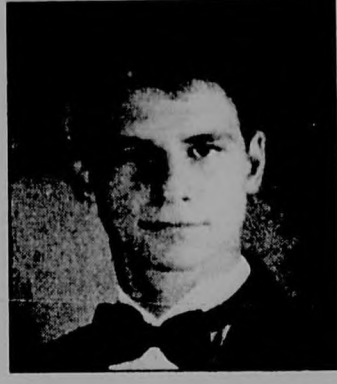
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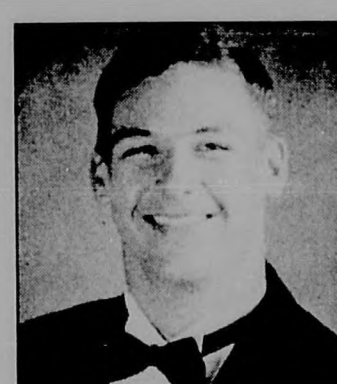
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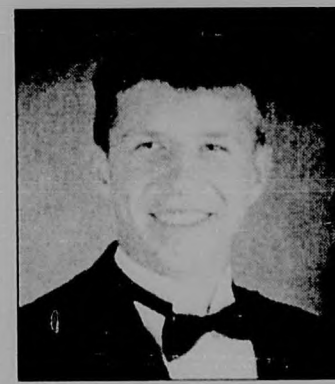
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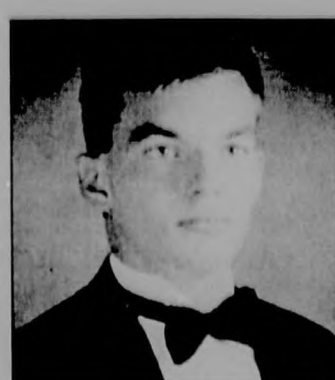
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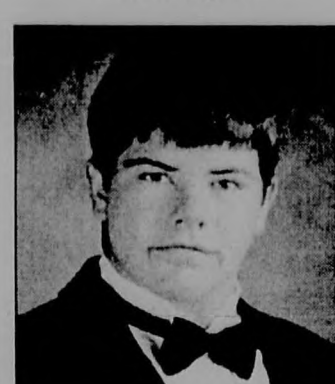
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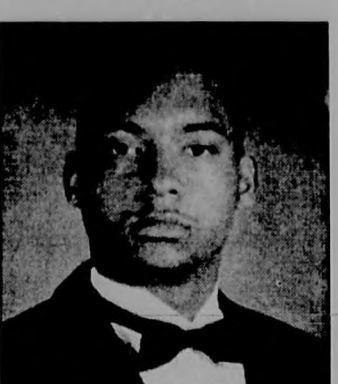
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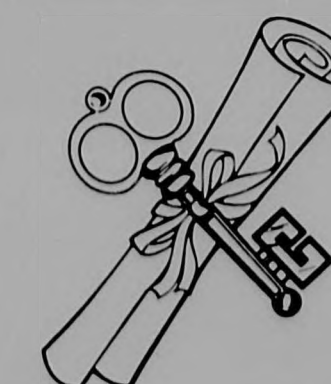
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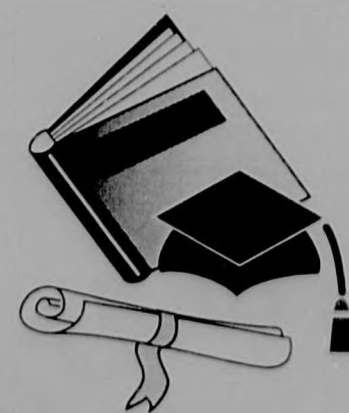
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Area schools recognize "Top of the Class" grads

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Throughout life, a person will reach and attain numerous milestones, and the graduating class of 1999 now has come to one of those milestones.

"Graduating from high school is probably one of the most important things a student has done at that point in their life," said Roger Bowden, superintendent of Coffee County Schools. "It's the first major step they take towards their livelihood. It has been a lot of work, but in the long run it will be well worth it."

Graduation is symbolic of all the years and hard work a young person puts towards one goal... Learning. Realizing this goal is something that does and should give a young person great pride in himself/herself.

And, like anything in life, there are a few who seem to excel during this process of learning. Whether they push themselves a little harder or it just comes naturally, in the end, they meet and go beyond the expectations of others. That is why the schools and community feel it necessary to bestow special honors upon them.

After all the teachers lessons, the homework, the pop quizzes, the

tests, and the report cards, these "above and beyond" students have indeed earned their label: "The Top of the Class."

According to information provided by local schools, Elba High School will recognize a valedictorian, salutatorian, and 15 students honor students from the Class of 1999 during its graduation ceremony. The valedictorian of this year's graduating class is Daniel Ward, and the salutatorian is Justin Maddox. Students also receiving academic honors are: Julie Roberson, Casey Henderson, Anna Maddox, Daniel Murdock, Teleisha Daniels, Diana Jackson, Lee English, Brad Holley,

Elizabeth Stephens, Reese Grantham, Angie Crocker, Lance Boutwell, Glenn Davis, Deana Gifford and Deana Farris. These 17 students are graduating with a grade point average of 92 or above.

The valedictorian for the Class of 1999 at New Brockton High School is Justin Campbell, and the salutatorian is Clint Anderson. Also receiving honors are: Jessica Anderson, Erica Newman, Paul McMonagle, Brandie Head, Travis Kelley, Jason Downing, Justin Hughes and Crystal Burrows.

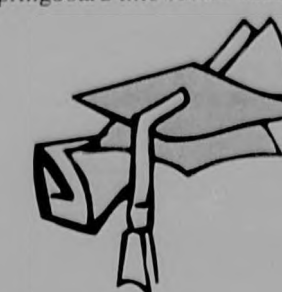
Kinston High School honors Allie Sumblin as valedictorian and Tonya Cauley as salutatorian of the Class

of 1999. Other honor graduates include: Kaci Fleming, Hope Bedsole, Brandi Chambliss, Lisa Smith, Tia William and Laura Rowell.

From Zion Chapel High School, John Arnold has been chosen as valedictorian, and Charlie Maddox has been chosen as the class' salutatorian. Arnold and Maddox are joined by Alisha Walker and Carissa Walker as honor students of the Class of 1999. All four of these students will graduate with the advanced diploma and maintained a grade point average of 90 or above in grades 9-12.

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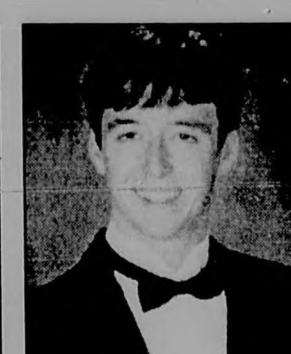
get in the top 10 percent of a class, you are definitely an honor student to me," said Charles Pearce, superintendent of Elba City Schools. "The achievement these students have reached will certainly be used in the future, and will serve as their springboard into future success."



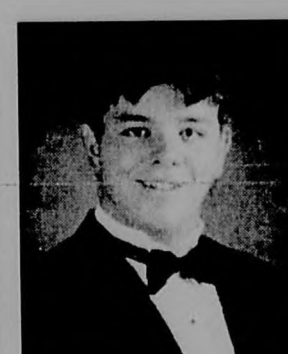
Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Class of 1999



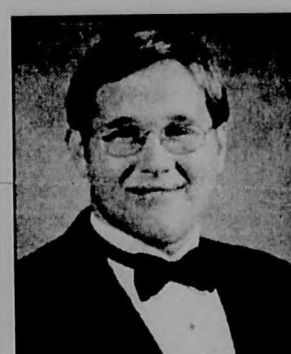
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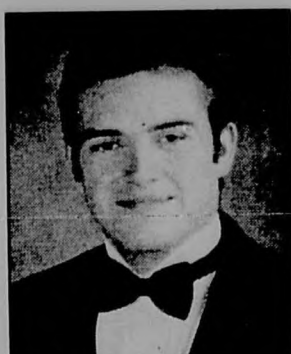
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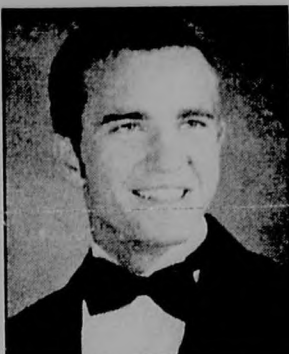
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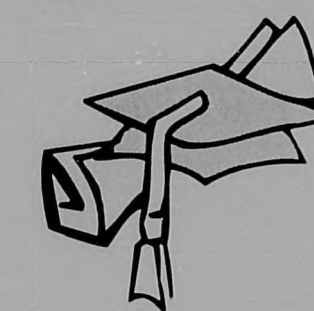


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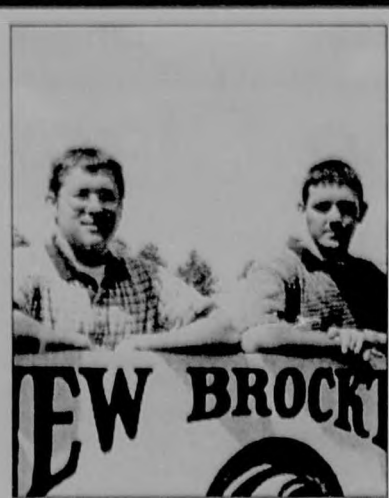
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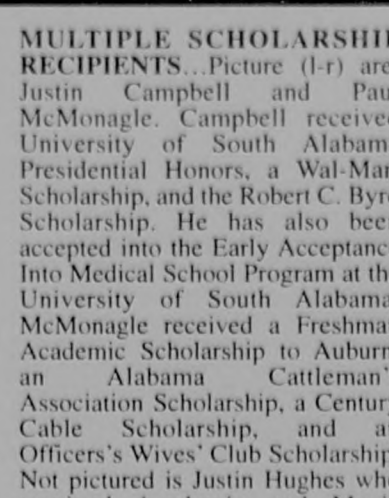
ESJC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. Pictured (l-r) are: Tina Williams and Haley Wixon. Williams received a music scholarship and Wixon the Wayne Farms Foundation Scholarship.



KLEINERT'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. Pictured (l-r) are: Clint Anderson (left) and Joey Johnson (right). Each of these scholarships are for \$2,000 per year for 4 years.



MACARTHUR TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. Pictured (l-r) are: April Capps, Laleigh Adams, Jill Caradine, and Stephanie Stuckey; back row - Scott McMahon, Mackie McCormick, and Ernest Thomas. Not pictured - Hope Truitt.



MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. Pictured (l-r) are: Justin Campbell and Paul McMonagle. Campbell received University of South Alabama Presidential Honors, a Wal-Mart Scholarship, and the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship. He has also been accepted into the Early Acceptance Into Medical School Program at the University of South Alabama. McMonagle received a Freshman Academic Scholarship to Auburn, an Alabama Cattleman's Association Scholarship, a Century Cable Scholarship, and an Officers' Wives' Club Scholarship. Not pictured is Justin Hughes who received Academic and Music Scholarships to the University of Mobile.



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County Commission cancels night session

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its last meeting at night on Monday evening with a "light" agenda. In making the motion to discontinue the night session (second meeting of the commission each month), Commissioner Tom Grimsley said that the attendance had not been what members of the commission had hoped it would be; therefore, there was really no advantage to holding an evening session.

Items of business from County Engineer Randy Tindell consumed a major portion of the meeting. He had several recommendations and requests which he submitted to the commission.

Tindell told commissioners that the "trial project" on bidding plant mix on an annual basis had been successful and he recommended that the commission continue this practice for another year. He added, "It has saved the county a lot of money on several projects that we have used it on."

The engineer recommended that the commission make an offer to the plant mix suppliers to continue this annual contract for an additional year at the same price. The commis-

sioners agreed.

Also, Tindell recommended that the commission take the same action on the striping contract which was done in much the same manner as the plant mix contract. Commissioners voted to renew this contract at the same price as in the past year.

Tindell presented a request from Joe Green, owner of Green's Seafood Restaurant located in the Victoria Community, that the entrance of Co. Rd. 222 (dirt road) to AL Hwy. 125 be moved north approximately 400 feet. He explained that presently, the dirt road entrance is right at the edge of the parking area for the restaurant and at times, customers unknowingly block the road. Green owns the land which would be involved in moving the entrance of the road and Tindell told commissioners that he is willing to donate the land in order to get the road moved. Commissioners approved the request by passing a resolution to that effect.

Tindell asked for and received permission to advertise for bids for the repair of any other NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) sites where he may be required to do so.

He also given approval to furnish signs, for a fee, to the developers of subdivisions in the county. He told commissioners that this would insure that all the signs installed were of the proper size, color, etc. Subdivision regulations require that developers erect the necessary signs along the new roads and streets that they build.

Finally, Tindell requested a resolution authorizing the project plans for the resurfacing of Co. Rd. 636 form Battens Crossroads to the Ashby Community. This will be funded with an Industrial Access Grant since one of Coffee County's largest industries - ConAgra - is located on this road, and it is very heavily traveled.

He told commissioners that Gov. Don Siegelman has appropriated \$1 million to be used toward this project. Both State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer were applauded for their efforts in acquiring these funds.

Ms. Nell Gilmer and Richard Kemp, representing the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, appeared before the commission to encourage their participation in promoting the reviving

of patriotism in America. They explained that this is being done in conjunction with remembering the life and death (December 14, 1799) of one of America's most beloved patriots, George Washington.

Kemp told commissioners that several programs are being implemented in area libraries and schools to promote the revitalization of patriotism and remind individuals of their heritage. He presented a certificate to Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis from the Ladies' Auxiliary of Mount Vernon, declaring Coffee County a Bicentennial Community (George Washington Bicentennial Celebration).

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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY. The United States Postal Service and Coffee County's postmaster, in appreciation of the town of New Brockton's continued patronage, had "Customer Appreciation Day" May 19. The New Brockton Postal Service employees were on hand serving customers coffee and doughnuts from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. The office is located at 311 South John St., New Brockton, AL. Pictured above (l-r) are: Jeff Downing (seated), Dot Brown (seated), Postmaster Sandra Batchelor and Patron Myra Cordle.

No riot in Elba or Mulberry Community

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

There was NO riot nor was anyone killed or seriously injured in Elba last Saturday evening, however, two persons were arrested and one young man taken to the local hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

According to police reports, shortly before 8:00 p.m. (7:57 p.m.) Saturday evening, a call was received by dispatchers that there was a disturbance and shots had been fired in the vicinity of Toole Bug's (a cafe located in the Mulberry Community of Elba).

First officers on the scene encountered a large crowd and called for additional assistance. As the incident escalated (other people in the immediate area of the disturbance becoming involved), additional off-duty Elba police officers were called to assist on-duty officers.

Not helping the situation was the fact that a softball tournament was in progress in the immediate vicinity of the disturbance and between 300 and 400 people were at the Mulberry ballpark. The tournament had been going on all day.

According to Elba Police Chief

Ronnie Whitworth, additional law enforcement agencies dispatched officers to assist Elba officers in preventing the situation from escalating into a more serious situation. Area state troopers, Coffee County Sheriff's deputies, police officers from Enterprise, New Brockton, and Florala, as well as Game Wardens responded to Elba's call for assistance.

Whitworth said that by the time responding officers reached Elba the situation had been controlled by his officers but the additional "show of force" prevented any additional incidents.

During the 8:00 p.m. incident, an Elba man, Terry Burks, was placed under arrest, charged with disorderly conduct and taken to the Coffee County Jail. He was released that same night on a \$500 appearance bond.

The chief said that earlier in the day - around 4 p.m. - a fight involving two women had occurred in the Mulberry park area. That incident resulted in the arrest of an Enterprise woman Lasanta Cole. She was charged with disorderly conduct and taken to the county jail. She too was released on a \$500 appearance bond.

There had been reports during the evening - between 4 and 8 p.m. - that an individual was reportedly headed toward the Elba area armed with an AK-47 semi-automatic weapon and a handgun. Local officers were already alerted to this

possibility and were on the lookout for a vehicle possibly occupied by the individual whose identity was unknown to local police officers.

Due to these earlier reports, officers on duty at the time of the last disturbance had greater concerns when the report of "shots fired" came in to the local dispatcher.

Chief Whitworth said that no weapons were involved in either of the two altercations and none of his officers, or the other law enforcement officers at the scene of the disturbance, observed or heard any weapons discharged. There were unconfirmed reports that the individual with the semi-automatic weapon had been in the area but no positive information was given to police officers.

Chief Whitworth plans to develop a better plan of coordinating events taking place at the local parks. This will enable him to be sure that he has adequate manpower on duty to patrol these events and provide security to the participants. According to the chief, his department had no prior notification that a softball tournament was being held at the Mulberry park.

Whitworth released his appreciation to those agencies responding to Elba's call for assistance and noted that their response assured that a tough situation did not turn bad. In recent weeks several area towns have had similar situations that did not have the same peaceful end.

Coffee County EMA participates in Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane season starts next week, June 1, and runs through the month of November. Coffee County is certainly no stranger or immune to hurricanes and their effects.

As recently as last fall, Hurricane Georges caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to roads, bridges and drainage systems in this county. In 1995, damage from Hurricane Opal to homes, businesses and our public infrastructure totaled millions of dollars, and took some lives in areas not far from Coffee County.

Because awareness and preparation are the keys to public safety, the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), along with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service, announced that this week, May 24 through 28, has been designated Hurricane Preparedness Week, as proclaimed by Governor Don Siegelman.

Hurricane forecasters are predicting an active hurricane season in 1999. In the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico, an "average" season produces four to five tropical storms and six to eight hurricanes. During Hurricane Awareness

Week, residents of Coffee County should review individual, family, and business preparedness plans. Make decisions now on whether to stay in your home or to move to a safer location when a hurricane strike is imminent. Get your emergency supply kits ready, and insure all family members and relatives know your plans. Planning now could save your life and help protect your property later.

The Coffee County EMA will, in early June, provide a news release on formulating preparedness plans. The agency will also be available for speaking to groups such as civic clubs and church groups about preparedness.

Coffee County's EMA is planning now and is not waiting until a hurricane is close and decisions have to be made quickly. Deputy Director John Tallas attended the Governor's Hurricane Workshop on May 24 and 25 to work out details of mutual support with the State EMA, neighboring counties and neighboring states.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1ST

Area Happenings

CITY HOLIDAY CLOSING. The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, May 31, 1999, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for emergencies with water, electric, sewer and street. To report your emergency please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged.

SHELBY TO ADDRESS RESIDENTS. U. S. Senator Richard C. Shelby will address residents of Coffee and Dale counties at an AUSA event on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. at the Officer's Club in Fort Rucker. He will be discussing his legislative agenda for the 106th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama.

AREA GRADUATION EXERCISES. Zion Chapel High School seniors will graduate 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1999, with commencement exercises being held in the football stadium. Kinston High School will hold graduation exercises on Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; New Brockton High School's graduation ceremony will be conducted in the football stadium at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 1999. In case of inclement weather, those schools holding commencement exercises in the stadiums will be moved to the auditoriums.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. The 35th District of American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal ceremony on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at the American Legion Post in Samson, AL. This ceremony is available to all persons within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered U. S. Flags for proper disposal. Anyone having an unserviceable U. S. Flag who wishes to have it properly disposed of should contact their local American Legion Post or call their local Veterans Service Officer. In Coffee County call Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag(s) by the office located in the County Complex in New Brockton by Friday, May 28, 1999.

GRIEF & OUTREACH PROGRAM. The Regional Grief and Loss Outreach Program, sponsored in conjunction by Community Care Hospice and AARP, will hold volunteer training classes on June 23-24-25 and 28. This program is for individuals who are working with the newly bereaved in the community. For more information, call 347-6846.

State troopers estimate 19 will die during Memorial Day holiday

Alabama troopers will take part in national safety campaigns "Operation ABC America Buckles Up Children" and "Buckle Up America Week" May 24 through 31 during the Memorial Day holiday travel period.

In conjunction with these safety programs, troopers will emphasize enforcement of the state's safety belt and child restraint laws and distribute safety literature during traffic stops and driver license check-points to encourage holiday travelers to buckle up. Under Alabama's child restraint law, a child safety seat is required for children through age three in front and back seats. Children ages four and five must be secure in a child safety seat or a regular safety belt. The state's safety belt law requires all front-seat occupants to buckle up.

The memorial Day weekend traditionally marks the start of the warm-weather travel season, and heavy traffic is expected, according to Col. Michael B. Sullivan, acting director of Public Safety. "State troopers urge motorists to drive defensively, obey speed limits and other traffic laws, and use safety belts and child restraints," said Sullivan.

The Department of Public Safety estimates 19 people may die as a result of traffic crashes during the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. May 28, through midnight Monday, May 31. Last year 11 people died in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour holiday period, 7 on rural roads and 4 in urban areas. Only one of the crash victims was killed using a safety restraint, and at least 5 of the deaths were alcohol related.

All available troopers will be on duty throughout the holiday period to enforce traffic laws, assist motorists, and to serve as visible reminders to drive safely. Federal overtime grants aimed at DUI (Driving under the influence), and speed limit enforcement will allow additional troopers to be on patrol targeting speed violators and drunk drivers.

Troopers plan to concentrate enforcement activity on interstate highways and other popular vacation areas. "Speed enforcement will be included in troopers' overall enforcement activity."